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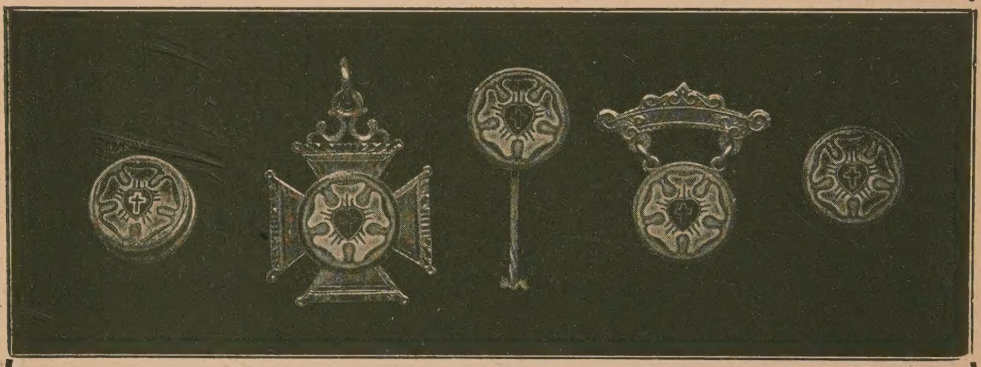

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Official Call for the Eleventh National Convention

Baltimore, Md., September 22, 23 and 24, 1914

The National Executive Committee have accepted the kind invitation of the District Luther League of Baltimore and vicinity to hold the Eleventh Convention of The Luther League of America in Baltimore, Md. After conferring with the local committee, the Executive Committee has designated September 22, 23 and 24, 1914, as the time for holding the Convention.

REPRESENTATION.

Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning, and District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership, with representation as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District League to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates. Delegates to the Convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials. Credentials should be signed by the President and Secretary of each organization.

CREDENTIALS.

Credential blanks for delegates, whether from a State League, a District League, or a local society, should be secured at once by State, District, and local officers from Mr. Paul B. Mattice, Statistical Secretary, Middleburg, N. Y. All credentials should be filled out in duplicate, one part being sent to Mr. Paul B. Mattice, Statistical Secretary, and the other part retained by the delegate for presentation to the Credential Committee at Baltimore. Blank forms for credentials for delegates will be sent upon application to the Statistical Secretary, who will also furnish gratuitously the uniform statistical blanks of The Luther League of America. Credentials should be sent Mr. Mattice not later than September 1st.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The arrangement of the program is in charge of sub-committee of the Executive Committee. As soon as possible announcement will be made relative to the program through THE REVIEW.

The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will furnish official information each month in regard to the Convention, and after the Convention will publish a Convention Number containing full reports of the proceedings.

Subscriptions should be made now, and secure the pro-Convention number of THE REVIEW, and also the official Convention Report.

Particulars as to hotels and other local arrangements will be furnished in due season by the local convention committee.

By direction of the Executive Committee,

E. F. EILERT,
Chairman.

WM. C. STOEVER,
President of the Luther League of America.

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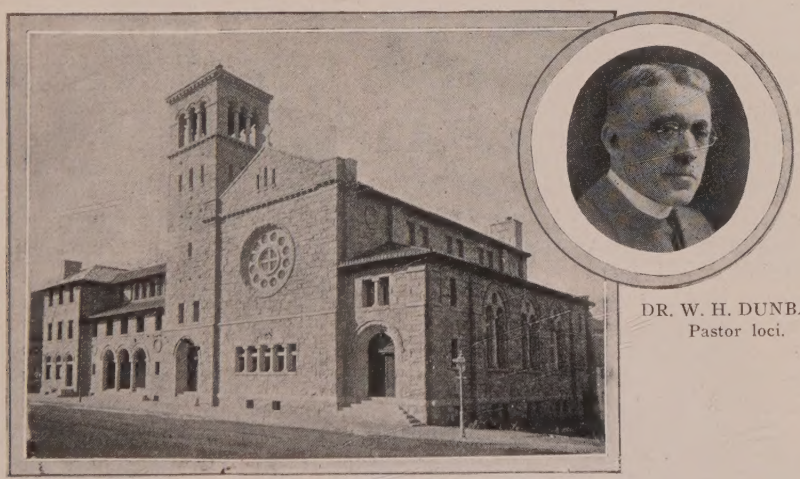
Luther League of America

Eleventh Convention at Baltimore, September 22, 23 and 24

BY REV. LUTHER M. KUHNS

AMONG American cities Baltimore enjoys the reputation for hospitality. The eleventh convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Baltimore, beginning Tuesday evening, September 22, 1914. Baltimore is preparing to extend the delegates and visitors to this convention a royal welcome. Lutheranism in America in this old colony is full of interest. It is a city with sixty-five Lutheran churches, and here, too, are centered general boards having in charge the operation of Church activities at home and abroad and also in the work of mercy.

At this time Baltimore is celebrating the



DR. W. H. DUNBAR,
Pastor loci.

ST. MARK'S, THE CONVENTION CHURCH.

It is the metropolis on Chesapeake Bay. The greeting and hospitality will be characteristic. The prime object, however, is the convention itself, and delegates and visitors can aid in the success of the convention by manifesting an interest in the upbuilding of our Lutheran Church and making her an efficient power for rendering Christian service.

Baltimore is a center of Lutheranism. Because of its colonial history it is interesting, and our Church history in the early dawn of centennial of the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key. The Legislature of Maryland appropriated $75,000 for the observance of this event. Governors of all the States have been invited to participate in this auspicious event. Undoubtedly hundreds and thousands of people will be attracted to the city by this historic anniversary.

At the head of Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore is practically the metropolis of the Southern Atlantic seaboard. It is a beautiful and at-

tractive city. It is a city rich in art, advantageous in its commercial location, and a musical and educational center. Large industries are located here, and it is the center of a dense population. It is one of the oldest settled cities in the United States. The very ground is reminiscent of valiant deeds.

It is in this city the Eleventh Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America, now of international proportions, is to be held. As a shipping center, with widely diversified manufacturing interests, with residences of palatial character, with magnificent parks, fine stores and excellent public buildings, Baltimore ranks among the great cities of America and of the world.

The business sessions of the convention will be held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The opening session will be in St. Mark's Church. The second evening session and the grand rally will be held in the Lyric Theater. St. Mark's Church is a beautiful edifice and churchly in its appointment. Within its doors important gatherings of Lutherans have been held before. Now its doors open with a hospitable welcome to delegates and visitors to the convention of the Luther League of America. In point of location Baltimore is one of the most favorably situated in the country. Railroad lines extend to the west, the south and the north. The ocean reaches out on its eastern boundary. The railroads thus afford quick travel to and from all sections of the Union. It is connected by interurban electric service with Washington, the capitol of the nation. The service is an hourly one. The cars run throughout the entire day. The local street railway is excellent and its services are the very best. The cars are run in every direction, affording the very best facilities of transportation in reaching all sections of the city. The location of the convention city affords the delegates and visitors the opportunity of visiting the capitol of the nation without extra charge. Delegates from the West purchasing tickets through to New York will have the adantavge of stopping off at Washington and Baltimore and visiting the metropolis of the United States. This is a rare opportunity to see the capitol and the metropolis of the nation.

Preparations should be made to be present at this convention. It promises to be the greatest in the history of the Luther League. Delegates should come prepared to receive new inspiration and greater enthusiasm for their Church and institution. It will be of interest to you because it will be an international gathering of Lutheran young people. It will enlarge your horizon and show you the wide and growing influence of your Church. In recognizing our Lutheran opportunity in America the Luther League will seek to go forward studying to be an approved workman, for a trained and efficient laity is no small part of the object of the League. The details for this great gathering of Lutherans have not yet all been worked out. The program will present a theme of wide interest and deal suggestively with practical topics. If you have never been at a convention of the Luther League of America, be sure to attend this one. It will repay you to look into the faces of Lutherans from all parts of the United Stotes, Canada and Porto Rico.

The program committee has been at work for some time. Their work, though not completed, is nearing the end. Something has been prepared that will satisfy the most exacting. The program will be in keeping with former conventions.

Theme

The theme of the convention is "Doers of the Word." It is based on the XX Article of the Augsburg Confession. Reference to the VI Article is not excluded. The local committee is working hard to realize the expectations of the delegates and visitors and to make this convention worthy in every respect of the great Lutheran Church and of Baltimore.

The first session will open with an anthem, "Festival Te Deum," by Buck. The keynote address, "The Church, the Cohesive Force in Human Society," will be delivered by President William A. Granville, of Pennsylvania College. At the first session William C. Stoever, Lit. D., will deliver the president's biennial address.

The second session will open promptly at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, September 23, with a sermon by Rev. Paul W. Roth, Lutheran Hospital and Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, on "Christ's Social Touch of the World." Mr. Charles J. Driever, of Chicago, will present a paper at this session. Other papers during the convention will be presented by Miss Annette Kaehler, of Buffalo, on the subject, "The Church's Duty Toward the Poor," and Rev. W. A. Lambert, South Bethlehem, on "Lutheran Contribution to Christian Sociology."

PROMINENT POINTS OF INTEREST IN BALTIMORE.

Johns Hopkins Hospital.
City Hall.
Battle Monument.
Post Office.
Business Section.
Court House.

The second evening session will have as its features two numbers by the convention chorus, one, "He Watcheth Over Israel," from "Elijah"; another feature of this evening session will be the presentation of Mrs. Harriet E. Monroe's "Drama of the Reformation." It is a representation by living characters of the great historic incidents of the Reformation. The scene of the Diet and the Grand Procession will be given as part of this Luther drama. In some parts it is thrilling. It is all inspiring and instructive.

The last day of the convention there will be a sermon at nine o'clock by Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D. D., Louisville, Ky., on the subject "Religion the Key to Social Redemption." Rev. F. K. Fretz, Ph. D., of Easton, Pa., will deliver an address on "Christian Social Service, the Agency for Reform in the Community." In the evening will be the grand rally meeting. Special music is being provided for this session. Mr. Edgar T. Paul is the director of the convention chorus. Miss Elizabeth Slagle is the organist and Miss Helen M. Stegman is the pianist. Music will be a feature of this convention. The convention chorus is preparing under the direction of Prof. Paul and will render at the grand rally among other selections "How Lovely are the Messengers," from "St. Paul," and "The Heavens are Telling," from "The Creation." Prominent Lutheran laymen have been invited to deliver addresses on the occasion of this convention.

A present feature of the convention will be a visit to and a reception at the Deaconess Motherhouse, Baltimore.

Convention Headquarters

The Hotel Altamont, corner Eutaw place and Lanvale street, has been selected by the local committee as the headquarters for the convention. On arriving in Baltimore delegates and visitors should go directly to the Hotel Altamont to register. Here full information will be given concerning convention matters. Have your mail addressed St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, care of the Luther League of America. Arrangements have been made for convention mail so addressed with the post office.

Convention Hotel Rates Per Day

Hotel Altamont.

Convention Headquarters Hotel.

The rates at this rotel, including meals, will be:

Two in a room, $3 each.
One in a room, $3 to $3.50.

Hotel Rennert.

Cathedral and Saratoga streets—European plan.

Single room, without bath, $1.50 to $2 per day.
Single room, with bath, $2 to $4 per day.
Room without bath for two persons, $2.50 and $3 per day.
Room with bath for two persons, $3.50 and $5 per day.

Hotel Waldorf.

North avenue and Charles street.

$1 per day without meals.
$2 per day with meals.

Hotel Albion.

Cathedral street and Richmond place—American plan.

$3, $3.50 and $4 without bath.
$4, $5 and $6 with bath.

Hotel Belvidere.

Charles and Chase streets—European plan.

$4, $5 and $6 per day, one in room, with bath.
$5, $6 and $7 per day (for room), two in room, with bath.
No rooms without bath.

Hotel Stafford.

Charles and Madison streets—European plan.

Room without bath, $2.
Room with bath, $2.50, $3 and $4, one in room.
Room with bath, $4, $5 and $6, two in room (for room).

The above hotels are recommended by the local committee on general arrangements for the convention. Reservations may be secured at any of these hotels by writing in advance. Delegates from the West by way of Chicago can secure round trip tickets from Chicago to Old Point Comfort or New York for $27.60. Mr. J. Alex. Nelson, of the executive committee of the Luther League of America, 4917 Fletcher street, Chicago, will furnish particulars in regard to these excursion rates. The summer round trip fare, Chicago to New York, is lower than the regular fare Chicago to Baltimore and return. A lower berth, which may be occupied by two persons, is $4.50, an upper $3.60. For full particulars regarding transportation address the chairman of the committee on transportation, Mr. T. Clem Beck, Elizabeth, N. J.

Special Notes

The local committee insist on all delegates and visitors going direct, immediately on their

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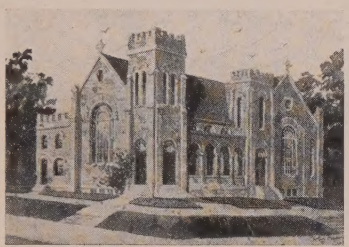
Bethany Church.

St. John's Church.

Church of the Incarnation.



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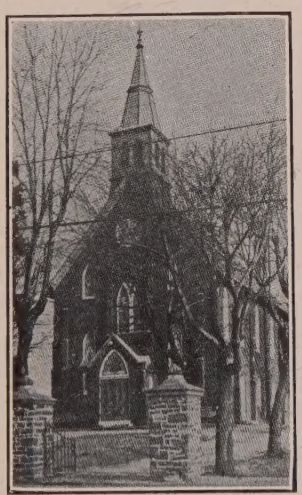
Calvary Church.

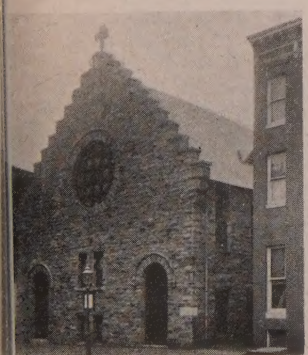
Church of Our Saviour.



Jerusalem Church.

St. Stephen's Church.

Augsburg Church.



Concordia Church.

St. Mark's Church.

Emmanuel Church.

SOME OF BALTIMORE LUTHERAN CHURCHES WHOSE MEMBERS BID YOU WELCOME.

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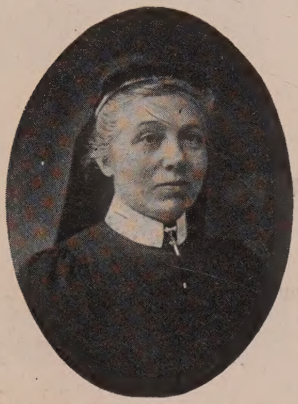


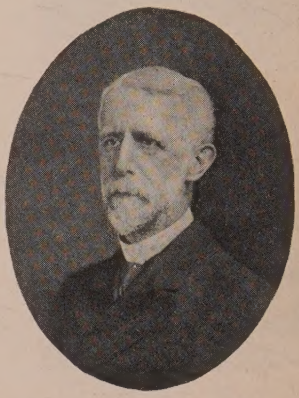
SISTER SOPHIA JEPSON,
Head Sister of Deaconess Motherhouse.

Arrangements will be made to look after all mail and telegrams. Be sure that you have a return card on your letters. There will be a bureau of information, where all inquiries should be made for information in regard to trains, hotels and restaurants. A rest room for the benefit of the ladies in attendance upon the convention will be in charge of one of the deaconesses from the Baltimore Motherhouse.

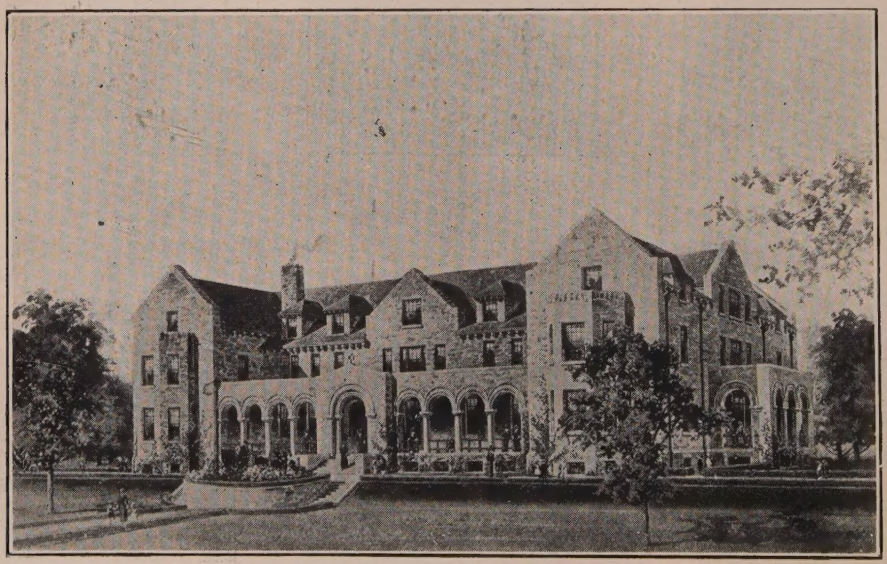
For general information address Mr. Milton T. Goedeke, 1315 East North avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Officers of State and District Luther Leagues should secure their credential blanks immediately.

The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will print a convention number, which will give a full account of the proceedings of the convention. How full an account we can give will depend on the number of copies of this edition that are ordered. You should therefore arrange at once to secure extra copies of this issue and notify the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, P. O. Box 876, New York, at once the number of copies you will require at 5 cents a copy. Subscriptions for this number of the REVIEW should be sent to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, P. O. Box 876, New York City, at once.



DR. CHAS. E. HAY, D.D.,
Pastor of Deaconess Motherhouse.



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Dr. G. W. Miller.

A GROUP OF BALTIMORE LUTHERAN PASTORS WHOSE HANDS ARE EXTENDED IN WELCOME.

Points of Interest in the National Capital

BY REV. WILLIAM A. WADE

WE take pleasure in contributing an article under the above title for LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, on request, hoping that it may be of some interest and helpfulness to those who are contemplating attending the National Convention in Baltimore, September 22 to 24. A visit to Washington for the purpose of sightseeing without having some idea as to the location of the principal places of interest very frequently results in much valuable time being wasted and in missing some of the places of greatest interest and importance. Hence we suggest some of the principal places which may be visited in a short time, and, if seen in the order mentioned, without becoming so tiresome.

The Capitol, which is distinguished for its commanding situation and majestic proportions, its dignity and beauty of design, its decorations and adornments within and without, ranks as one of the noblest architectural objects in the world. Situated on Capitol Hill, only three squares south of the Union Station and 97 feet above the river level, it overlooks the Potomac amphitheater, and may be seen for miles on all sides. The Rotunda is the central room in the main building, leading on the north side to the Supreme Court room and the Senate chamber; on the south side to the National Statuary Hall and the Hall of Representatives; on the east side to the Rotunda portico, the scene of the inauguration, and on the west side to the upper terrace or open court, which affords a splendid view of the city.

The crowning glory of the Capitol is the imposing dome, 287 feet high, surmounted by the statue of Freedom, almost 20 feet high itself. The Rotunda contains some very beautiful and imposing paintings of historical interest. The cornerstone of the original Capitol may be reached by descending a flight of steps. It is interesting to know that the cornerstone was laid by George Washington, first President, September 18, 1793. The Capitol is open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 9 to 4.30.

The Congressional Library grounds adjoin those of the Capitol. No one should visit the nation's capital without seeing the Library of Congress, a most beautiful structure, built of white granite and white enameled bricks, lined with fine Italian marble, highly polished, covering an area of about three and a half acres, with four large courts and about 2,000 windows. The cost of this building, exclusive of site, was over $6,000,000. The ultimate capacity of the building for books is 4,500,000 volumes, almost 100 miles of shelving. By an ingenious mechanism books are delivered from the stacks to the reading room. When a book is called for at the desk, the slip is sent by pneumatic tube to the clerk in the book stack, and he puts the book into the receptacle, from which it is taken automatically by the book carrier to the reading room, the whole process requiring only a few minutes. Books are sent directly from the reading room to the Capitol through a tunnel.

Pennsylvania avenue, which connects the Capitol, the Treasury, the White House and the State Department, is the central avenue for the visitor, as most of the public buildings are but a few squares away.

The Treasury Building, on Pennsylvania avenue at Fifteenth street, stands second to the Capitol in architectural importance, and is built of sandstone and granite, having a total length of 450 feet and a width of 250 feet. The building cannot be properly appreciated because the grounds are not commensurate with it in dignity and beauty. The architect, Robert Mills, planned it for much larger grounds, but, according to the story, President Jackson became impatient at the long delay in selecting a site, and finally stuck his cane into the ground one morning and said, "Build it here," and his orders were carried out. The system of making new money, exchanging new for old, and destroying the old, may all be seen in the Treasury. From 11 to 12 in the morning and from 1 to 2 in the afternoon guides escort visitors through the money departments of the building.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is a branch of the Treasury, and this building, which is situated on Fourteenth street, several squares south of the Treasury, contains the most interesting work of the Treasury Department. It is here that the Government bonds and the national currency, postage stamps, revenue stamps, military, naval and diplomatic commissions, passports, etc., are printed. The average daily volume of new

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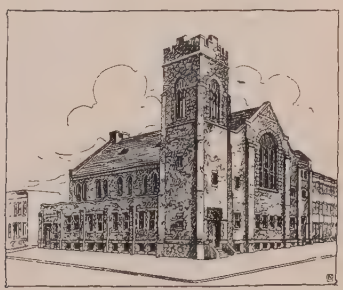
Messiah Church.

Grace' Church.

St.. Paul's Church.

Second Lutheran Church.

First Lutheran Church.



Church of Reformation.

St. Paul's Church.

Trinity Lutheran Church.

Salem Church.

Grace Church.

St. John's Church.

SOME OF BALTIMORE LUTHERAN CHURCHES WHOSE MEMBERS BID YOU WELCOME.

Luther League of Pennsylvania

Twenty-first Annual Convention

BY the invitation of Grace Chapter of the Leagues of the Lancaster District, the twenty-first convocation of delegates of Pennsylvania Luther Leagues will rally to the standard on September 19, 20 and 21, in the beautiful new Grace Church, Lancaster, Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D. D., pastor.

No more congenial or convenient spot could have been selected for this meeting, as it is so easy of access from all points in the State. Lancaster is eleventh in size of Pennsylvania's centers of population, one of the sixth on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and reached by rail and trolley from all the others.

It is the pulsating heart of the finest agricultural county in the Union and of a teeming population predominantly Lutheran. The plan of a city is that of an exact square, two miles each way, at whose center is a heroic monument around which all trolley cars pass in from the east and west and out to the north and south, one of the finest systems to be seen anywhere.

The city dates from 1730, though settlements began among the forested slopes as early as 1712, and the earliest Lutheran records begin in 1729. And the whole history is a most interesting one during the old Colonial days and the times of federation. Some of the quaint old dwellings are yet standing as ancient landmarks, and "Old Trinity" Lutheran Church will well repay a visit, as a fine example of Colonial construction. There are twelve Lutheran church buildings in our population of 50,000 souls.

The health of the city is carefully looked after. There is an excellent filtration system and a paid fire department. The death rate is the lowest of any city in the State. The educational facilities, both public and private, are thorough.

Among the industries we have the largest umbrella factory in the world, the greatest silk mill and plant for linoleum manufacture in the United States. The noted Hamilton watches are made here.

By a coincidence the seal of the city is a design very similar to that of our beautiful Luther League badge. It carries a rose with five petals, surrounded by a circle. Instead, however, of the cross and heart, that we know so well, there is a broad shield with a crown upon its crest, and on its surface, the old Conestoga wagon above, three golden coins central, and three sheaves of ripened wheat below—all suggestive of trade, industry and production. The rose of the city is, however, a red one instead of the white one of Luther's escutcheon. This is due to the historic connection of the name of the city with the old shire of England so called, and whose red rose was the rival of the white.

"Where roamed the Indian forester
Now stands historic Lancaster,
By Conestoga's winding stream,
A city square! A poet's dream!
O Lancaster! Fair Lancaster!
Unfurl the red rose flag for her;
Wide may her "Welcome" free be flung
Her praise by every lip be sung.
With glowing lines her name we write,
Her "present right," her "future bright."

The date, September 19 to 21, will make it possible for those who will attend the National Convention in Baltimore to meet the delegates to the Pennsylvania convention en route, as the National Convention will open September 22 only 90 miles by rail, southward, and Washington 40 miles beyond that city.

Among the features of this convention will be an educational and missionary exhibit of the work of the young Lutherans of the Church of today. There is a general invitation to the colleges, schools, charitable institutions, mission enterprises, publication houses and others to show by illustration the nature of their work.

A bureau of information will be set up at Grace Church concerning rates, railways, lodging houses and other intelligence.

A checking system for persons desirous of depositing baggage will be provided.

Persons visiting Grace Church should not fail to see the old historic bell, cast in 1745, placed in the tower entrance at Grace Church.

District Leagues of the State should send five delegates. Local Leagues are entitled to two.

Persons desirous of surveying the city and surrounding farm country will find a good opportunity from the tower of Grace Church during the convention days.

A district rally is being arranged for Sun-

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Luther League of Ohio

Nineteenth Annual Convention at Columbus, June 24 and 25, 1914

BY JOHN H. SWOYER

THE nineteenth annual convention of the Luther League of Ohio was held in the First English Lutheran Church of Columbus, the Rev. A. J. Holl, pastor, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 24 and 25, 1914.

The first session opened with devotional services led by the pastor loci. The convention sermon was delivered by the Rev. F. W. Rohlfing, of Van Wert. He said in part as follows:

Text—I Tim. 4:12. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

The youthful Timothy is always represented as a beautiful, earnest, religious character, as an ensample unto the believers in word, in faith, in conversation, in love and in purity.

Be thou an ensample in word, the living Word Christ, the burden of every true religious message, for the Christless message is a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. The great Christian symbol adopted at Nicea on the nineteenth of June, 325, proclaims the divinity of the living Word Christ. The written Word bears unto the world the living Word Christ. Therefore the Bible not only contains the Word of God, but it is the Word of God. Renau said that Christianity, like any pagan religion, is but a natural historical development, that in the end will pass away. Christianity, unlike any pagan religion, is not a natural historic development, but a devine revelation that will never pass away. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

Be thou a pattern in faith, which knows, receives and trusts the living Word Christ. Faith is the knowledge of the true and living God. "This is life eternal to know the true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Faith is belief in the living Word Christ. The ancient prophet, Habbakuk, proclaims this, when he says, "The just shall live by his faith." The apostle heard the same message in the Arabian wilderness. Luther received the same word of inspiration on the old historic staircase of Pilate at Rome. The question is still the same, What shall I do to be saved? and the answer has not been changed. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house. Faith is trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit through the means of grace. It touches love and causes it to flame forth, winning others by its constant genial light; it feeds hope and makes it strong; it smiles upon joy, courage and zeal, crowning them with invincibility. The grand temple, St. Sophia, at Constantinople, was a Christian church until 1453, when Mohammed the Second conquered the city. The majestic dome was adorned within by a life size figure of Christ, surrounded by numerous mosaic crosses. These were covered with cheap paste or paint. But to look up into that beautiful dome today is to see them reappearing. With prophetic finger they point to the inevitable future, when the cursed crescent shall be cast down into the dust forever, and when the cross of Christ shall adorn again

the majestic dome of St. Sophia. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith.

Be thou a model in conversation, manner of speech and life. While Paul was a persecutor his manner of life was evil; but when he became a Christian it was turned from evil unto good. While Peter was boasting and denying his Master, his speech was bad; but after he had been restored to discipleship his manner was changed. As long as Thomas disbelieved the resurrection of Christ his words and life were false; but when he beheld the Christ, both speech and life were transformed. On the fifth of June, 799, St. Boniface, the great Apostle to the Germans, passed into eternal rest. When he told the Germans to transform the gigantic oaks they worshipped into Christian temples he changed their manner of speech to prayer and song, and Germany became a Christian nation. When Ziegenbalg established the first Lutheran Church in India on the fourteenth of June, 1707, he began to transform the speech and conduct of those benighted people from a heathen to a Christian condition. When on the thirteenth of June, 1742, Muhlenberg landed on our shores it was the signal that ere long the scattered and discouraged Lutherans of this country would be united into a living organization. "The Word of God they shall let stand, and not a thank have for it."

Be thou a pattern in love, spiritual love, that is Godlike, for God is love. Think of it! God is love. He also loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. God is love. Believe it. Place yourselves in the sunlight of that divine love.

Be thou an ensample in purity. Conversation has reference to a state or condition, while purity embraces the process of renovation. "The blood of Jesus Christ cleaneth from all sin." It makes us pure in thought. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." It makes us pure in word. The sensational and the sensual are so closely connected that it is a difficult matter to separate them. The sensational character, as a rule, uses sensual language. Sensual language is impure.

It makes us pure in deed. No one is perfect, and hence this cleansing process is a constant and a gradual one. Who can comprehend his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

All this must be done in spirit and in truth. We shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Without the knowledge of the truth we cannot be true. "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

The meeting then adjourned for dinner, same being served in the church parlors.

Second Session

The afternoon session began promptly at 1.30 with devotional services conducted by Rev. W. H. Shepfer, of Defiance.

The president, Mr. Charles Bluthart, then took charge of the meeting, introducing Mr. Carl Boehm, president of the Luther League of the entertaining league, who extended a very hearty greeting to all delegates and visitors.

Dear Friends—

We are gathered here in this church to deliberate on the many questions confronting this society as a whole, but before we commence our deliberations I would like to speak a few words of welcome in behalf of our League and our Church.

We as a League welcome you because of the honor you have bestowed upon us by choosing Columbus and our church as your meeting place this year. We cannot help but feel that your coming here will be a help and an inspiration to us to do larger and better things in the Church and League. We will do our best to entertain you and hope that your stay with us will be pleasant and profitable. We as a Church welcome you to our homes and we know that your presence with us as delegates representing so many different churches will give us an idea of the size of our Church and the great and responsible work that lies before us. Your presence here will teach us that we are but a part of that great and powerful organization known as the Church of Jesus Christ. Our work here will not have been in vain if we can just demonstrate to our people the need of more willing and consecrated workers.

Again I welcome you most heartily and thank you for your good attendance.

In response, President Bluthart thanked the Columbus League for its welcome and cordial hospitality. He then read greetings from W. C. Stoever, president Luther League of America; C. J. Rockey, president Luther League of Minnesota; H. V. Grothe, president Luther League of Kansas; W. S. T. Derr, president Luther League of Oregon and Washington.

Letters were also read from the presidents of the following State Leagues: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

The general theme of all addresses of the afternoon was "Building of the Luther League." First, "In Spirituality," by Miss May Knab, of Chillicothe. Second, "In Size," by Horace Motter, of Troy.

Building the Luther League in Spirituality.

The first step toward strengthening the League is to ascertain whether or not all the members yield their hearty cooperation. It is necessary to have plenty of good team work in order to accomplish things. Every member must feel that he has a special place, and work in the organization. The officers of the League are largely responsible for this phase of the work, for if they competently fill their respectives places, they will know the condition of the League better than the average lay member. It is the business of those who operate the machinery of any sort of organization to secure and promote concord. The officers, through their working committees, must take the initiative. "Some must follow and some command, though all are made of clay."

Unless the League radiates a spiritual atmosphere and influences, it has certainly failed in its purpose.

If Leaguers, as individuals, are to possess the things which it seems our duty to give, we must go to the "Fountain Head" to supply our needs and should expect to obtain this supply through communication with God, and study of His Word; also through participation in the devotional meetings.

It is the duty of the League to use its influence in the upbuilding of the Church. It has been said that any branch of the Church that does not prove a valuable asset must be on a wrong working basis. The Church has a right to expect material help from the League. It should promote and further the interests of the Church through both individual and united efforts. The missionary spirit must be fostered.

There seems scarcely a limit to the field open to us. There is always something waiting—hanging balanced—for the weight of influence to cause it to swing, either on the right side or the wrong. May we, as Leaguers, be ever ready to supply the deficiency and win the victory for God and right!

Building the Luther League—in Size.

I realize that it is not always the largest leagues that do the most. When I say that I recall the story of Gideon, how with 300 men out of 30,000 he was permitted to win a great victory over the Midianites. So my friends, if we only have the courage to stand at our posts, regardless of the strength of the enemy, God will lead us on to victory.

We should not be afraid of the jeers and sneers of the world. The life we live by is the one we must die by. Upon its record we must stand at last when our stewardship is surrendered for its just recompense of reward or punishment.

I shall take for my theme, Duty.

This truth comes to us more and more the longer we live. That on what field or in what uniform or with what aims we do our duty, matters very little,

or even what our duty is, great or small, splendid or obscure. Only to find our duty certainly, and somewhere, somehow, to do it faithfully, makes us good, strong and happy and useful men, and tunes our lives into some feeble echo of the life of God.

Under duty I want to branch out on some of the characteristics.

The first is Love. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. I believe that love is the secret of the world. It is like the philosopher's stone they used to look for, and almost as hard to find, but when one finds it, it turns everything to gold. So I say to you, love your work as Christian men and women, love each other as Christ loved us, and love your God.

The next is Friendliness. The only way to make friends is to be one yourself.

It's great to say good morning, it's fine to say hello;
But better still to grasp the hand of a loyal friend you know.
A look may be forgotten, a word misunderstood,
But the touch of the human hand is the pledge of brotherhood.

A prize was offered some years since for the definition of a friend, and this was the one which received the prize: "A friend is the person who comes in when every other person has gone out." That is the kind of a Friend that Christ is, and this is the noble type of friendship which should characterize us.

Appreciation. Many a boy and girl have done something, upon which they have put much time and effort in preparation, and expected just a few words of appreciation from some one, but failed to get it, and have gone out from our midst downcast and broken hearted. My friends, have we been guilty of doing that? Don't wait until a person is cold in death to put flowers upon their casket as a token of love, but remember that a single flower given amid life's stress is better than a thousand crowns laid upon the head of a person who has died with a broken heart.

Courtesy. Courtesy cannot be bought. Position will not give it. Courtesy is not politeness alone. Politeness may be mechanical, a matter of hollow form, but courtesy is from the mind and heart. It is the outward manifestation of the inward gentleman. Courtesy is solid gold and pure silver.

Enthusiasm is next. Enthusiasm always was, is, and will forever be a great factor in every line of progress, moral or material. The successful merchant, doctor, lawyer, preacher or any other, is the one who puts enthusiasm into all his efforts

The next is Punctuality. As president of a Luther League I want to say to you that there is nothing that will cause a League to decrease as the habit of not being punctual. You cannot expect to hold the attendance if the leader is always late..

Faithfulness. Are you as faithful to your league as you might be? Did you ever stop and think what kind of a League you would have if everybody did as you do. If you were always faithful then your League would be one to be proud of, but if you were not faithful, then it would be a dead one.

And so my friends, I might go on for some time and speak of many more characteristics that it is the duty of every Christian man and woman to possess and practice. It is of the highest importance that each one of our different Leagues have a commanding object in view, and that the work of our organization be elevated.

Mrs. Doty, of Columbus, favored the convention with a vocal solo.

The convention then listened to a paper on "Building the Luther League in Enthusiasm," by O. C. Rhode, of Toledo, who said, among other things:

The League must have enthusiasm to live and grow, and every member must have it. There must be a builder in the League and he must have enthusiasm. Since we belong to the Lutheran Church we should not have classes such as poor and rich, etc.

We must provide for the future's need by getting the children.

Following this, Mr. Rinkliff, of Springfield, spoke on "Efficiency in Luther League Work." He said:

Building the Luther League in Efficiency.

The complex problems of life in this day make efficiency imperative. Nothing is attempted in the great business and industrial world of today, to which the test of efficiency is not applied.

No institution deals quite so closely and constantly with the fundamental problems of human life as does the Church, hence the spirit of the age, and the needs of the times, demand that the Church shall be efficient, and that we, as members of the Church, shall be efficient also.

Yet in endeavoring to make as efficient as possible the methods of the Church, some who are leaders have failed in a proper conception of efficiency. They have, I believe, confused efficiency with strenuosity.

The Lutheran Church has always been efficient. When you consider the four centuries of her history, the obstacles she has encountered, and the tests she has endured, and remember that today she has within her household half of Protestant Christendom, you will, I think, not only agree, but you will contend that she has not been lacking in efficiency.

What are the circumstances with which the Church of today has to deal? The Church in America today has upon her hands the stupendous task of making Christian the most cosmopolitan and heterogenous of all populations of the nations of the world. Gathered from every corner of the globe, speaking in varied and strange tongues, until they learn the common language of the land, with traditions and ideals often conflicting with those of their fellows, the people of this land present in many centers of population the most stupendous task the Church has ever encountered in the history of the Republic.

We are living in a materialistic age. We put a premium upon material prosperity, and we judge the character and capacity of a man in far too large a degree by the way he can fit into the opportunities of his material environment. To a people and an age with this warped view, the Church must speak, and call them back from their misshapen ideals, to the true standards of Christianity. The problem of the Church in this age, is to get people to realize that the material things of this life are of no importance whatever, compared with the spiritual realities which eye has not seen, and the standards of wealth have not measured, and ambition does not prize, and to shape their lives, and ground their convictions in faith in the Redeemer of men.

One of the large factors in the mass of resources for Luther League work is the membership of the League. What the problem of efficiency demands from the membership is that they be people of vision, with ideals, and with convictions, for after all, every problem of the Church is an individual problem, and each one of us as Christians must realize our responsibilities, and respond to our opportunities, before we can be of any value to the Church.

For after all, our greatest resource in Luther League work is Christ Himself, and beside Him, all other resources are insignificant. Think how efficient the Church has been in the power He has given her. Today we look back through the nineteen centuries of triumphant labors by the Church. She has succeeded where the greatest of men have failed, and she has endured where the crumbling institutions of the best of men have passed away.

GEORGE L. RINKLIFF,
Springfield, Ohio.

After the discussion of these topics and the singing of a hymn, the convention adjourned for a fifteen minute recess, during which a photograph was taken of the delegates.

The business meeting opened with the reading of the 1913 convention minutes. The president then gave his report, offering a number of very good suggestions. This was referred to a committee.

Again in the providence of God as representatives of the Leagues of this State we have assembled in annual convention to execute the duties committed to

our charge and to exchange plans and ideas that are for the advancement and progress of our work.

I herewith submit my report as to existing conditions and at the same time take the liberty to offer such suggestions which I feel would be of value in this work and in strengthening this organization.

This convention marks the close of the nineteenth year in the history of the Luther League of Ohio, and I am happy to report that progress has been made each year of its existence.

The last convention was held June 25 and 26, 1913, in the First Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio, and was a successful meeting in every way. Much good was accomplished and much progress made. At this convention an invitation was extended by the First Lutheran Church, of Columbus, for the 1914 convention and the invitation was accepted. Owing to a shortage of time at the Springfield convention the president was unable to appoint the standing committees and this matter was delayed until January of this year, when the following standing committees were announced:

Extension Committee: James H. Barr, Galion; O. C. Rhode, Toledo; A. M. Obenauf, Youngstown; H. A. Loe, Ohio City; Rev. C. E. Frontz, Tiffin; D. L. Keyser, Canton; Horace Motter, Troy; Fred C. Adams, Springfield; John H. Swoyer, Ashville; Ethel G. Mast, Zanesville; Blanche K. Troy, Newport, Ky.; Lena Ebeling, Moundsville, W. Va.

Statistical Committee: Murray S. Moist, Toledo; Alice Knoederer, Columbus; Henrietta Bauroth, Toledo; Verner Schliesser, Toledo; Rev. L. A. Harschman, Chillicothe.

Press Committee: Erle C. Greiner, Zanesville; Kate Carter, Lima; Mrs. H. E. Seradino, Newark; Mary Routzhan, Springfield; Rev. W. W. Kennerly, Alliance.

Credential Committee: Mrs. C. E. Helmbrecht, Columbus; Anna Pehrson, Delaware; Margaret Fuller, Findlay; Rev. W. H. Shepfer, Defiance; Homer Metzger, Wapakoneta.

The president sent out a call for a meeting of the Executive Committee for Sunday, March 1, in Columbus, Ohio, but owing to the inclement weather the only member present, besides the president, was Miss Lulu Adams, of Springfield. Mr. James Barr, of Galion, chairman of the Extension Committee, was also in attendance. This was to have been a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the members of the Luther League of the First Church. Despite the fact that so few members were present the first steps toward preparation for this convention were taken.

On May 23, 1914, a convention call was mailed out to all known societies in Ohio and along with this call was mailed also temporary program, article of information and credential blank. A special effort was made to reach every pastor in Ohio this year who, with his congregation, would be interested in our work. More than one thousand letters were mailed out.

Demands have been made this year for copies of the constitution and I suggest that a committee be selected to make such changes in the constitution that have been or will be provided for at this convention, and have sufficient copies printed so that a copy can be placed in the hands of every Leogue united with the State organization. I also suggest that, if possible, that we secure the services of one or more persons to make a thorough canvass of each district of Ohio, with the purpose of interesting those not associated with us in the work, and that the traveling expenses of such persons be paid by the State or assessed to the District. This work should be done systematically and at least two months preceding the next convention.

I also ask that the president may be empowered to secure the services of a stenographer when needed. There is a tremendous amount of work connected with this office and to leave it to the president without assistance very little can be accomplished.

I also suggest that each League connected with the State defray the expenses of their delegates to the State convention the same as to National conventions.

Our State meetings have made such rapid progress in point of attendance that I fear that at no distant day the responsibility of providing for delegates and visitors by the entertaining League will prove burdensome and that difficulty will be experienced in securing meeting places.

I also suggest that each Local and District League electing officers send the names of the new officers at once to the president and statistical secretary of the State League.

I also suggest that a satisfactory arrangement regarding dues be made at this convention and the Leagues notified. Many of the Local Leagues are at a loss to know just what is expected in regarding to dues.

To the officers and members of standing committees and all who have assisted in the work this year I extend my many thanks for the hearty cooperation and courtesy shown. Especially do I thank those taking part in the program.

Mr. James H. Barr, of Galion, chairman of the extension committee, then gave his report, presenting applications for memberships from the Luther Leagues of Zion's Church at Convoy and St. Paul's Church at Waterville, the First English at Crestline, and Grace Junior League at Toledo.

In the absence of Mr. Moist, Mr. O. C. Rhode presented the report of the statistical committee. It was approved and adopted.

Mrs. C. E. Helmbrecht then gave the report of the credential committee. Her report showed 66 Leagues represented, 170 delegates and 84 visitors.

An invitation to hold the 1915 convention in Mansfield was extended by Rev. S. P. Long, D. D., which was accepted.

The president named the following committees:

Committee on Reports and Resolutions: O. C. Rhode, Toledo; Rev. Zimmer, Mansfield; G. B. Smith, Newark; C. F. Ribble, Zanesville; Miss Blanch Troy, Newport, Ky.; Mrs. F. G. Zwerner, Akron; Earl Courter, Delaware; Horace Motter, Troy; Carl Boehm, Columbus; Bruce Patterson, Springfield, Ohio.

Committee on Nominations: C. A. Portz, Newcomerstown, chairman; Miss Florence Bowman, Newcomerstown; Ralph Christman, Zanesville; Rev. W. W. Kennerly, Alliance; Miss Susan Corbett, Toledo; Miss Juanita Jeckel, Cleveland; Miss Kate Carter, Lima.

The session then adjourned.

Third Session

At the evening session the service was conducted by Rev. Paul Seibert, of Roseville. After a musical selection by the choir, the address of the evening, upon the topic "An American Problem," was delivered by Rev. S. P. Long, of Mansfield. He said:

An American Problem.

The first story of my Problem, and the solid story is this, that America is one-third of God's earth. All you need to do to prove this, is to go back to your geography and look up the square miles. I am not talking about the United States or about Canada or South America, but this Great Western Continent. I say, it is one-third of God's earth.

The first verse in the Bible says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Not the heavens in the eastern hemisphere, but the heavens and earth.

I need not take you throughout the whole book to demonstrate the fact that this world belongs to God. Let us come down to another thought, and that is, it belongs to Him by Providence. The Providence of God is one of the most beautiful studies I know in the world and outside. To study that word and then begin to read the history of the world through that word, and watch the invisible hand of God, as it moves along in history and as it moves along in your own life, and it will not be very long until you will have some overwhelming arguments in the way of living.

I am making a bold statement that America is one-third of God's earth, not only one-third, but it was in the Providence of God intended to be the home of the immigrants, and I will give you three reasons for this statement. The first one of which is that everyone in this country is a foreigner. I challenge you to show me a single man today on American soil that is not a foreigner. You tell me you were born in this country; so was I.

Someone will say the American Indian is the true American, but if you have been reading up recently on the latest discoveries, you will have found that the American Indian is a foreigner. There is no question any more about the fact that the American Indian and the Siberian are brothers. They are relics of the far West and far North, and of one home and one family, and there was a day when the American Indian was a foreigner on this land, and so there is no man on the one-third of God's earth that was not a foreigner.

I would like for you for just one moment to consider what would happen in this country tomorrow if we had no more immigrants. We could not build a railroad. With all the boys of young America you cannot build a railroad. God has intended this country as a home for the foreigner.

America has a great problem to solve. In the first place, the world has not been evangelized yet. A man cannot think on the lines that every Christian ought to think without getting missionary in his ideas. In the last great conference that was held of the nations of the world, it was fully decided that there were at least 119 millions of people for whom there are not even any plans made to reach them with the Gospel of Christ, and it was also agreed that there are nearly 800 millions of people on earth who have not heard of Jesus Christ. Will you stop a moment and think what that means?

The world is here, the time has come in history that we need not go off of America to find the world. It is here and God brought it, and now since God has brought the world here, what is the problem?

What is the American Problem that I hold before you: tonight? Am I opposed to foreign missions? We cannot do too much for foreign missions, but the American Problem is this: If we send a man from this Church and a man from your Church to go to Africa, to go to India, and lift up those vast multitudes all alone, here is the problem. What right have we to expect a few people from our midst to go to the old foreign lands and lift up two-thirds of the world or more, yes a great majority of the heathen world; lift them up alone and single-handed, and then we at home say, we do not know what to do with this Chinaman here, we do not know what to do with the Italian, or the foreigners that have come to our land. This great big Christian Church on earth does not know what to do with a few people, and we expect our people to go over into their land and lift up whole nations. If a whole congregation like this cannot save a single Chinaman in Columbus, how can one of your members save China?

Now let us come up to daily life, and see if we cannot find something in this country of God's, and something in history that is going to help us solve this great problem. We have in America today the brain of Christian civilization. All we need to do is to refer to the great inventions of the past centuries and to the world fairs that are being held in this country, and in all lands, and notice how many of the great inventions have been found on American soil. I am here to tell you there is no nation on earth that by its people has produced such brain power as America.

I wish we would have had time to read the sixth, seventh and eighth chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, but we wouldn't have time, nor will I have time to say all I would like to say tonight, but let me give you an outline of what I consider the solution of the creation plan.

It will not be solved until preachers and laymen together will pray, and teach and work, and no minister has a right to say, I have no responsibility for the widow and for the orphan, and no layman has a right to say I do not need to teach or need to pray. God settled that question when he made the layman preach and the preachers work for the widows and orphans. If preachers must do more than preach and pray, if laymen must do more than pay, then what is the final answer to my problem? It is this mistake of trying to keep immigrants out, the mistake of trying to drag them home. We must do as God told us in that Book.

If everyone was led home to tell their people of Christ, then the problem would be solved.

A male quartet favored us with a selection. After the closing services the delegates and visiting Leaguers were tendered a reception in the church parlors.

Fourth Session

The fourth session opened on Thursday morning at 8.45 a. m. with the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Dolbeer, of Delaware. Professor Larimer, of the Hamm Divinity School of Springfield, offered prayer. Mr. Earl Kern, of Germantown, gave the first address of the morning. He spoke on "Loyalty to the Lutheran Church," saying:

Loyalty to the Lutheran Church.

What is loyalty? It has been defined as "The willing and practical and thorough devotion of a person to a cause."

We are loyal, first, when we have some cause which we heartily espouse; when, secondly, we willingly and thoroughly devote ourselves to this cause; and when, thirdly, we express our devotion in some sustained and practical way by acting steadily in the service of our cause.

Now we all know that there are many causes to which we may be loyal, but the one cause to which we refer at present and the most important of all for us is that of the Lutheran Church. The Church whose name calls to mind the name of the great and noble hero of the Reformation; the Church whose title is the grandest in all Church history; the Church of which each member may justly say, "I glory in her," and one that calls forth more than any other that denominational loyalty which is one of the most sacred Christian obligations.

Oh, there are so many reasons why we should be loyal to the Lutheran Church. The more we study her doctrines and see their agreement with the Scriptures the more we love it and the more loyal we become. Think what a history has been hers! What varied scenes; what mighty utterances; what providences of God!

Thus knowing, as all true Lutherans should, something of these great things which have had their influence upon the history and progress of the Lutheran Church; having become acquainted with her beautiful forms of service, and having gained a knowledge of her teaching, which makes the way of redemption so simple and scriptural, making Christ the center of all her teaching and preaching God "in love" rather than in fear; we surely must be influenced to become loyal Lutherans and those who are loyal to become still more loyal.

The Lutheran Church then being the cause to which we should be loyal, we must willingly and thoroughly devote ourselves to her.

While we rejoice in the fact that we have so many loyal and devoted Lutherans, yet it makes us sad to think of the great numbers of Lutherans who have access to churches of their faith and yet are seldom seen in church.

But in order that we may be numbered with those

that are loyal, one more thing is required of us. We must express our loyalty in some sustained and practical way by acting steadily in the service of our cause.

We should all use the ability God has given us in his service as He intended we should. For as the tree is known by its fruit, so should we be known by the fruits of our labor in behalf of God's kingdom.

But it is not enough for me to think only of myself and my own local Church, I must also think of others. Therefore, I should use my efforts to promote her growth and extension in parts of my own country. I should do all in my power to sustain and further all her efforts to preach the Gospel to every creature. I should show an interest in the work of Inner Missions—caring for the poor, the widow, the orphan, the aged, the infirm, the sick, the downtrodden; in short, to strive to lift up the helpless and fallen whether in mind, body or estate.

What is my duty along these lines is also the duty of every Lutheran. It is our duty to be living examples of the faith which has saved us.

"Loyalty to the Congregation" was the subject of Miss Florence Bowman's paper. Among other things, she said:

Loyalty to the Congregation.

The League is a body of young people banded together "For the Church, of the Church, and by the Church, for the greater glory of Him whose we are and whom we serve."

The Luther League represents the younger part of our congregations and we believe is doing the most efficient work of any of the various organizations of the Church.

It is in the early years of life the most lasting impressions are made, and habits formed then, whether good or bad, are apt to go with us through life; so we see the value of forming the right kinds of habits. Our motto, "Alway, ever, my hand for the Church, and my heart for God," expresses the theme of this paper.

Alway, ever, at all times, to put our Christian duty first, give the Church our best service, not just what little time and energy is left after devoting ourselves to worldly pleasures. Then taking into consideration the latter part of our motto, "my heart for God." If we have truly given our hearts to God, then our hands will be ever ready to serve His Church.

"Faith without works is dead" would be a good motto for us all.

From an educational standpoint let us consider what the Luther League may do for the Church. If our splendidly arranged Luther League Topics are carefully studied and the young people enter into the spirit of the work, they will be equipped for intelligent, effective Church work.

The Lutheran Church believes not only in an educated ministry, but an educated laity.

Next, let us consider the individual's loyalty to the congregation.

If we love our Church and have faith in it, we will be loyal to it. Loyalty demands that we attend divine services not only once in a while, but regularly, each Sunday, or at least when at all possible.

But mere bodily church attendance is not all that is needed. To be really loyal, we must have the best interests of the Church at heart, contribute liberally to her support, and be willing and eager to do whatever we can to further the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

We owe it to our congregations to do all in our power to help in the great commission.

Ministers are not the only preachers we need; our lives should be sermons to all whom we know and meet.

Dr. W. H. Knoederer, of Columbus, gave a vocal solo.

The last address of the morning was given by Mr. Fred Wilson, of Galion, on "Loyalty to the Luther League." He said:

Loyalty to the Luther League.

Of the trinity of great Lutheran forces, Church, congregation, and League, the League is the "least," yet loyalty to this least is the sure guarantee of loyalty to the other, greater things. Show me the young person who is devoting himself zealously and faithfully to the services and work of the Luther League, and there in that person I will show you one who is taking an effective part in the worship and work and support of the congregation of which he is a member. And his loyalty will thereby be manifested in a more far-reaching way.

What a vital thing, then, because of the grand fruit it will bear, is loyalty to the League. If I were to presume to suggest to any Church official or pastor a way to bring young people to a point of deep interest in and intense activity for the Lutheran Church, both at home and abroad, I would say, get them to tie themselves up to the League, and immerse themselves in its activities. Make your members loyal to the League, and loyalty to the greater things, congregation and denomination, is going to take care of itself.

But what do we mean by loyalty to the League? I think we can find one answer if we liken it to national loyalty. This is the primary application of the word "loyal." One is a loyalist who, when the nation's safety and welfare are threatened by some other nation, or by some group or class of men, springs to his nation's support and devotes all his resources to her salvation. All who observe know for which of the two antagonists he stands, and his nation can depend upon him always for his services.

Likewise, the Luther League loyalist is the leaguer who can be depended upon to stand by his League whenever it is assailed by any force whatever that threatens its vitality or efficiency; and that means always. For numerous things will affect the League's welfare, if she has not her loyal defenders and supporters.

Again, loyalty to the League will manifest itself in faith in the superior character of the League as a young people's organization and in a faith that will not only be possessed and felt, but be made known.

And all this means to the one who is loyal to the League, that he himself will be in the Church, and will be engaged in the Church's work of saving and conserving men; it will mean presence in the Church.

The treasurer's report was read and referred to the auditing committee.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Your committee begs leave to submit the following recommendations:

First—We commend the president and the officers for the excellent work they have done during the past year.

Second—We recommend that the president's suggestion that the Executive Committee meet at the close of the afternoon's session to outline the work for the year to be carried out.

Third—We recommend that the president be given the privilege of securing the services of a stenographer whenever needed.

Fourth—We recommend that the Extension Committee be authorized to provide for suitable literature, copies of the constitution, application blanks and such other material as are necessary to more successfully carry on their work.

Fifth—We recommend and urge that wherever possible the work of the State League be carried on throughout the year.

Sixth—We recommend that the president be authorized to appoint a committee of five members, localized for convenience in meeting, which committee shall take up such questions as have been raised at conventions regarding the relations of State, District, and local organizations, the standing of Junior Leagues in the State organization, a proper arrangement concerning dues, etc. This committee shall prepare revised copies of the constitution and send same to the president of the districts, with a request that they be read and opinion expressed at their next district conventions, these opinions to be returned to the chairman of the committee as soon as possible. The report of the action of the districts to be presented at the next State convention, and action of the districts be considered equivalent to a first reading, so that final action may be taken at the 1915 convention.

Seventh—Finally, resolved that the Luther League of Ohio in convention assembled express its heartfelt and sincere thanks to the local congregation, league and its pastor, to the several homes and members who

so liberally provided entertainment, to the excellent choir, the organist and all who took part in the program and helped to make this convention the wonderful success it has been.

The report was adopted as a whole, after which the session adjourned.

Fifth Session

The Rev. E. F. Ritter, of Lancaster, led the devotional services. The election, which had been deferred from the morning session, was then held.

The tellers announced the following as newly elected officers of the State League:

President, Charles W. Bluthart, Zanesville.

Vice-president, John Swoyer, Ashville.

Recording secretary, Margaret Stasel, Newark.

Corresponding secretary, Emma Mast, Zanesville.

Treasurer, Charles E. Matthes, Mansfield.

Statistical secretary, Murray S. Moist, Toledo.

Executive committee, C. A. Portz, Newcomerstown.

The president appointed the following auditing committee: Joseph Neuffer, Toledo; Charles Hemline, Defiance; and Lincoln Russell, Columbus.

The following were appointed to attend the national convention in Baltimore:

Delegates: H. A. Loe, Ohio City; O. C. Rhode, Toledo; Miss Juanita Jeckel, Cleveland; Miss Fahs, Canton; Miss Florence Bowman, Newark; Rev. O. C. Kraimer, Newcomerstown; Rev. A. J. Holl, Columbus; Charles W. Bluthart, Zanesville; D. L. Keyser, Canton; Rev. F. C. Longaker, Springfield.

Alternates: John H. Swoyer, Ashville; Mr. Grafton, Barberton; Rev. Weaver, Cleveland; Mr. Kreps, Cleveland; Mr. Bahr, Galion; George Rinkliff, Springfield; Miss Kuntz, Canal Dover; Rev. A. E. Bell, Toledo; Miss Ethel Lutz, Canton; Mr. Obenhauf, Youngstown.

The Rev. R. E. Golliday, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church of Columbus, speaker of the afternoon, asked the audience to sing the grand old song, "My Church, My Church, My Dear Old Church," previous to his address on "Our Lutheran Heritage," which follows:

Our Lutheran Heritage.

Young men and women, we are living in the present, we are planning for the future; but we are largely the product of the past. We are what we are largely because of what others have been, and of what others have done, as well as from the result of our own efforts.

Each generation, as it starts out, receives a legacy of good or of evil, handed down from all the generations which have preceded it. This almost infinite variety of achievement we may truly call a heritage. And, in large measure, it is a goodly heritage; blood bought in many instances; a heritage for which our fathers braved the wilderness, endured privation, suffered exile, and gave their bodies to the flame and the sword.

The Lutheran Church is no exception to this general rule; in a large measure she lives by and upon the heritage of the past. Our dear old Church is not a mushroom growth. She goes back, very far back to the very fountainhead of divine revelation.

Our Lutheran Church has a glorious heritage of truth; truth is the foundation on which we build. Yes, of course, we have the Bible, that grand old fountain of all true religious truth. Will I shock you, or am I in danger of being misunderstood when I say we have a different Bible from a good many

CHARLES W. BLUTHART,
President of Ohio League.

others! We have the old Bible. You know the Papists have a version of their own, and the Baptists have a translation for their particular communion. We have not tampered with the Word of God. We do not need to do so. Our faith rests on the broad, deep revelation of the plan of salvation, and not on a few side issues, or minor details. And because we have built thus, our Confessions, another notable part of our heritage, has never needed any change. And it will not till God changes His Word.

We Lutherans have a splendid heritage in the example set us by our forefathers.

We Lutheran Christians do not need to be ashamed of our heritage. The only person ashamed of being a Lutheran is the one who does not know what it means to be a Lutheran, and if he professes to be a Lutheran while he feels thus the true Lutheran is ashamed of him.

We do not want to get away from our heritage. We are learning to appreciate them, if possible, more and more. But there is one thing we must not forget. We have not only received blessings, but responsibilities; we have received a glorious heritage,

we are to transmit that same heritage, untarnished, undiminished, to our successors.

Miss Hazel Freshner, of Columbus, sang very beautifully.

Miss Esther Hange, of Cleveland, read a paper on "Luther League Opportunities in Mission Work." She said:

Luther League Opportunities in Mission Work.

First let us consider foreign missions. In order to know something about the vast work to be done in foreign mission work, what has been done and how to do it requires considerable study. The missionary topics in the Luther League Topics give a good account of this work. A careful study of these topics and good preparation on the part of the leader is the keynote to the development of the opportunities confronting the League. Then, too, more churches, hospitals and schools are needed. The Leagues would be furthering a very worthy cause by sending money to help maintain these institutions.

There is still another opportunity I would mention, the most important one, that is, prayer. If we cannot do anything else, we can indeed and must offer our prayers for the heathen in foreign countries, and for the faithful workers there who are striving to win their precious souls to Christ, if this work would be the success that it should be. Next let us consider home missions. There is a good field before the League in home mission work. At the present time there are over thirty millions of people over ten years of age who have no church home. This is one distinct field. We need more ministers to carry on the work of providing church homes for these people. Also seventy per cent. of the immigrants coming to America each year are Lutherans. They must have church homes here or eventually be lost to Christ.

The League may help in starting new missions by helping in the singing, teaching Sunday School classes till teachers in the field can be developed, and also by lending the helpful influence of their presence.

The League also might assist in calling in the community and securing new members for the new Church and Sunday School.

In the Inner Mission work there seems to be the greatest number of opportunities for the League. First, the opportunity of conducting an open Church. There are in this country, especially in the largest cities, thousands of young men and women who have no homes. The parish house, if there be one, or even the basement of the church, could be arranged to accommodate these homeless people.

Then there is the problem of how to get the children interested and keep them so. Some children cannot be approached except by amusement. Why should they not find this amusement in the church, where under good supervision it cannot be harmful, as playing in the street is? Here the League could do a great thing for the children.

An opportunity that the League can easily cope with is that of looking after the strangers within their gates. A committee of two or three League members might be appointed each month to meet the strangers who come into the church, and make them feel welcome, which with the pastor's welcome, perhaps would influence them to come again.

The League members also might call on the sick and those who for various reasons cannot attend Church very often. Or the League might help any needy family in the congregation, should there be one, or keep a couple little orphans supplied with the necessary clothes.

Another great opportunity before the League is that of hospice work. Although one local League cannot do much alone in this line, still a number of them, working together, can carry on such work with success. Such an institution should furnish homes for a goodly number of Lutheran young people who come from the country or other towns, at a very reasonable price. It also should accommodate anyone passing through the city, who must stop over for a day or so, or even a greater length of time. Such a home would be far superior to the rooming houses where most of these young people would otherwise necessarily have to go, and would provide them with a good Christian home.

The Luther League of Cleveland and vicinity has plans for such a hospice well under way, and with the help of God should prove an excellent thing in our city.

"Luther League Opportunities in Educational Work" was the topic of a paper by Miss Blanche K. Troy, who spoke as follows:

Luther League Opportunities in Educational Work.

The Luther League of today is advancing with stronger, larger, better ideals in educational work, endeavoring to train and direct the young people who have come within its fold, in the history, doctrine, and usages of the Church.

The Luther League is the connecting link of the confirmation class to Church activity, and one of the League's greatest opportunities is to educate a Church membership in the history of the Church. What a wonderful history our own Church has; how much has been written and said upon it, how valuable it will prove if given to our young people in a simplified way. This is most successfully done by using the Luther League Topics, in the devotional services, and soon the young people have become better acquainted with the glorious Church of the reformation. Through the topics they are afforded an opportunity of reviewing those instructions which they obtained before confirmation. Through careful study and preparation with the assistance of our Church books and papers there is gained a clearer perception of the Church doctrine. Every well regulated League should have a library of its own, containing those books which will inspire the young people with a desire for Church activity. The League has a great opportunity in directing the young people of the Church to our own educational institutions where they are given the Christian education, where they may grow in divine grace and knowledge.

Another of the League's opportunities is to train our young people in religious activities. Especially to set before them the claims of the gospel ministry and deaconess calling.

How fortunate is the League which has been instrumental in giving to the Church and the world, one of these faithful servants of Christ.

The educational field of the Lutheran Church is of immense proportions, and the Luther League should be first always, in directing the young people into this field. Where there is a live Luther League there is no lack of devotional energy, each member is seeking to become a fixed star in the firmament of Church activity. Opportunities are numerous, but how fortunate are we as Luther Leaguers in having before us the training and directing which we are afforded by the Luther League. The Luther League educational opportunities are worthy of careful consideration and to all Luther Leaguers I would suggest that they take advantage of these opportunities, thereby proving their loyalty to the Lutheran Church.

Fred Shaffer, of Alliance, the next speaker of the afternoon, was unable to attend on account of sickness. His pastor, Rev. Kennelly, spoke briefly on "Luther League Opportunities in Social Work" and said:

Opportunities of Luther League in Social Work.

Our faith is one that gives rise to the social side of our young people's work. The Lutheran idea of religion deals with the joys of Christ and Christian fellowship is a natural outcome. The members of the Roman Church are held loyal to it through fear and they have no such fellowship.

The object of the social part of our Luther League is to interest new members and bring them into the organization for training in Christian work. We should make all new members feel at home and interested in the League. Ask the class of newly confirmed young people to come into the League as a body, meet them in a social way, give them something to do, and they will bring life and vigor to the League.

Following this a prayer was offered for Mr. Shaffer, by Rev. A. J. Holl.

After singing a hymn the session adjourned.

Sixth Session

The last session opened with vespers led by the Rev. F. M. Dorch, of Columbus. The address of the evening was given by the Hon. John L. Zimmerman, of Springfield, on the subject of "The Man of Conviction." He spoke as follows:

Conviction.

I want to talk to you for a short time tonight on the subject of Conviction. On the 17th day of April, 1521, great men were called to consider some of the great subjects that were then being presented to the world. He said, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise, God help me." There was a man of conviction. Carlisle says, when he stood up before that great diet, we changed the history of the world because we there instituted the right of private judgment. It cost blood, it cost the lives of some of the greatest men that ever lived. It cost great sacrifices, but it established a principle that has for these 400 years been making men better, been making life easier, been making liberty sweeter than ever before.

The Puritans and the Dutch that settled this country at its commencement, were men and women who had conviction. They left the old country and came over here, not seeking fortunes because fortunes were not here at that time. They came over willing to sacrifice their own lives for the purpose of a conviction, and that is that they might be able to establish in this country the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

In 1776 a great Lutheran preacher who was preaching for the Lutherans down in the East, went into his pulpit one Sunday morning, and after he had preached to his congregation his sermon, he said, "Brethren, there is a time to preach, there is a time to fight. The time to fight is here."

It took courage, it took conviction, for a man to be able to do that. It was Dr. Henry who said, as he stood up in the church in Virginia, "I care not what cost it may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." That was the purpose of establishing political liberty in this country. Its foundation was laid in 1521, and it was the result of the Declaration of the founder of our Church at that time. It was Abraham Lincoln, as a boy down in New Orleans, when he saw that slave girl being sold, when he said, "If I ever have the power, I will drive that curse from this country." He had a conviction and that conviction he put into use in 1863 when he said "Human slavery shall be destroyed in this country," but since 1863 great changes have developed in this land.

The great thing I am interested in now is getting men into the Church, but in order that you may get men, in order that you may get women, in order that you may get children, as I heard these men speak today, in order that you may be able to get them into the Church, you must make this organization, this Luther League worth while, or the men, and the women and girls won't come into this organization.

How can you make this Luther League worth while? I will tell you how you can. There is a man here who delivered an address, and said "he attended a Luther League a short time ago where there was a young lady who came into the church, was seated in a seat and not a single soul spoke to that young lady the whole evening." Now she isn't coming back, she shouldn't come back, I don't think I would come back. I have been to such a church during my life, just like this man described, that no one spoke to me. Perhaps I did not do my part, but there was one thing they didn't do. They should have gone back and taken her hand and brought her into this society, and introduce her to the people.

You cannot get along with your Luther League, you cannot get along with your Sunday School class, you cannot get along in the Church, unless you know the condition of the people, and are willing and able to bring them in and take them by the hand, and help them along in the great fight that we have to make in this country at this time. Oh, the conditions have changed. Think of it, in this nation of ours with one hundred millions of people, think of it, in this nation of ours with the wealth of one hundred billions of dollars more than of England or Germany. With the millions of people that we have, we have a great task upon our hands, in order that we may reach out and help men and women up, that will be the purpose of our lives, that should be the purpose of our association. If I understand it, the purpose of this Luther League is to educate men, to educate women, to educate girls, to educate people in order that they may have the enlightened conscience and that they may stand convictions that are lasting, and that are right, when they go out into the world. While they might not change the history of the world as did Thomas Jefferson, they may not change the lives of individuals as did Abraham Lincoln, but they can by reason of the fact that they have an education of conviction, fashioned after the religion that was taught by Jesus Christ, they then have some idea of the conviction that should follow in order to lead men and women to higher and better life.

In the United States at this time we have about 700 institutions of higher education. Two-thirds of these institutions have been established by the Church. Take the institutions in the State of Ohio. I say nothing against these State institutions. I am speaking for the Church universities, I am speaking now for the Capital University, I am speaking now for Dennison and others.

These are the institutions that have not been formed and fostered by the State, but have been formed and fostered by the religious Church in the State of Ohio. Those are the institutions that are the product of the minds and result of the Christian men and women of this great State of Ohio, and great Church. The great Lutheran Church especially has not been afraid to have an educated ministry; they are not afraid to have an educated laity. The Church has been the foundation of the great educational institutions in this country.

The great institutions of this country, the great institutions of this world, were not first organized by the State; not at all. They were born in the hands of some Christian men and women who established first in Germany, homes for the care of the old, for the care of the blind and helpless, and then came over into this country. The Lutheran Church is the founder of these great institutions. Today in Ohio, this Luther League, in which you are so closely connected, is now maintaining orphan homes in Springfield, in Toledo, and an Old Ladies' Home at Tippecanoe City, and other institutions of this kind. What for? In order that these people who cannot take care of themselves are properly maintained. The State of Ohio has taken up this same idea, they are establishing homes for the care of our aged, and for the care of infants.

I have lived through several periods, but I tell you there is something greater than this world, and it is the human side of life, where we can reach out our hands, where we can reach out our arms in sympathy to those who are in distress and lift them up.

We are living in that period of this world in which we, as Luther Leaguers, are raising the foundation for the Christianizing of this world. The western hemisphere must provide the home, must provide the food for the world for the next two thousand years. The United States, as the head of the western hemisphere, must take the lead. The Lutheran Church to which you and I belong must take their part, because we want to gain the fight that will evangelize the world, and the world that gets their food and clothing from us, will also get from us our religion.

After the singing of a hymn, a prayer and the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn, the nineteenth convention of the Luther League of Ohio adjourned, and it was the biggest, best and most active and interesting ever held in Ohio.

Luther League Topics

Thirteenth Week After Trinity. Sept. 6, 1914.

Lutheran Colleges for Christian Culture

II Peter 3:14-18.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday, August 31—I Samuel 3:19-21.
Tuesday, September 1—Isaiah 40:9-17.
Wednesday, September 2—Prov. 22:1-29.
Thursday, September 3—Eccles. 11:1-10.
Friday, September 4—Acts 22:1-3.
Saturday, September 5—II Timothy 1:1-18.
Sunday, September 6—II Peter 3:14-18.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Leader a college graduate if available. Hymn 208. Psalm 95. Prayer. Hymn 74.

Scripture lesson. Have briefly discussed some one of our colleges in your territory. Secure a personal letter from the president or some one of the professors in said institution along this subject to be read in the meeting.

Hymn 142. Prayer. Announcements. Hymn 147.

The Scripture lesson gives the trend of thought to be followed under this timely topic. Throughout the land young people are bidding goodby to home and parents for a season to take up the serious task of intellectual preparation for their life's work. All of these are religious beings, and therefore their intellectual training and development is closely and vitally related to their religious faith and activity. The school attended should be chosen carefully with this fact in mind. The very grave importance of choosing a college is indicated by the fact that the years spent at college are some of the most vital and fruitful of the whole period of life as far as the formation of life's ideals are concerned. Choosing a college means frequently choosing life's career and the ideals thereof.

The Christian culture of those who cannot attend college is also quite important. While there is a great need of broad and high minded culture in this day there is a much greater need of Christian culture. There is need also of a cultured Christianity. So many remain babes or untutored and uncultured in the faith. Peter, who suffered so much because he did not think, and so denied the Christ on the night in which he was betrayed, empasizes with peculiar stress the use of the mind in practical religion. He denounces ignorance. He asks us to give "a reason for the hope that is in us." He commands: "Arm yourselves with the same (Christ's) mind." "Tend the flock with a ready mind." "To your virtue add knowledge." "I stir up your sincere mind." "Gird up the loins of your mind." He lays emphasis upon three kinds of mind, "the same mind," i. e., the mind of Christ; "sound mind," one that is well disciplined and under perfect control; "sincere mind," selfless, surrendered and prepared to render wholesouled service.

The cultured Christian mind is "girt up" (Peter) "with truth" (Paul) and "righteousness and faithfulness" (Isaiah). Now let us study the modern problem presented by the ancient writings (ever new).

There are some teachings of the Bible which are "hard to be understood" and which things farther, are "wrested" out of the Christian faith and practice by those "unlearned" in the ways of Christ and "unstable" in the faith of the fathers. Many things are not understood because we have not grown in the knowledge of Christ. Mysteries trouble only those who have not grown in *grace*. Only the weak-kneed who lack the true Christian culture of grace and knowledge (of Christ our Lord) are turned out of the way by mysteries of the faith. Those who are cultured are turned toward Christ by the very mysteries of his teachings.

These facts are known by parents and most, if not all, young people of the formative college age. "Seeing ye" young people, candidates for Christian culture, "know" that there is danger of your faith being "wrested" from the true and living way, since ye know that many young people have been wrested from the saving knowledge of the truth, "beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." And what is the error of the wicked? Let Paul answer. It is written: "Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Thus error, inability

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to discern the things of the Spirit of God, is contrasted with the grace and knowledge of the Christian, born of the Spirit.

How can we "be of sound mind" as a "natural" man? The mind of the man unborn of the Spirit, however learned, is unsound. But the error of such is hid beneath reputation for scholarship. The forces of inequity would employ the highest available intellectual reputation to influence the human mind and heart against the mysteries of Christianity. Evil is enthroned in high places of learning. It is possible for sincere scholars unwittingly to wrest men from the Christian faith because they are unlearned and unstable in the way of the cross. Beware of these dangers. They are real and they are great, because frequently disguised and concealed.

"Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Young man, young woman, you will grow. You are growing now! Will you grow in grace—so charming and beautiful? Will you grow in a knowledge that overcomes intellectual difficulties? Will you grow in that knowledge which meets satisfactorily all the needs of life?

This is the program of Christian culture: To avoid the dangers by fulfilling the ideal given in this passage of Scripture. Our Lutheran colleges are the leaders of our Zion in Christian culture. 1. Because of the fine Christian character of her teachers. The teachers in our Lutheran colleges are worthy of the full confidence of the Church. They exemplify in their life the high ideals of the faith and of true culture. 2. Because of the courses of study. In each college there are to be found the fundamental courses of study needed by the youth of today, and taking all of our colleges there is a sufficiently wide range of studies to supply all the legitimate wants of our young people of college age and aspirations. Christianity is taught in each of them. 3. The character of the student body and the quality of the home and its training from which they come inject into the college community a spirit that is unique. This helps to make our institutions peculiarly evangelical and broadly cultural. 4. The teaching methods and spirit, together with the high ideals prevailing in the class room, not only display the Christian character of the teacher and his faith, but tend to develop and build a similar character in each student. 5. The atmosphere, moral, social and intellectual, is conducive to the growth of Christian graces and knowledge, and antagonistic to all false growths and excrescences, such as are liable to break forth in a community of ungodliness. 6. The very organization and all its auxilliaries, looking back to heroes of faith and sacrifice, and looking forward toward worthy service to humanity in the name of Christ moulds the character of the work done and the plans laid, whipping them into the likeness of Him whose name dignifies and permeates the name and flame of each of these institutions.

This being the case, our Lutheran colleges should receive the hearty support of the whole Church, whose they are and whom they serve. If the Church fully recognized her opportunity as well as her responsibility in this matter she would give a hundredfold greater support to her educational institutions than she has rendered in the past. Here lies her great opportunity to influence the age and the future.

These things being true, viz., the character of our colleges, the desirability of Christian culture, and the need of it among our young people, all Lutheran young people should attend our Lutheran colleges. Both the Church and the student loses a great deal that is worth while when any one of her boys or girls attends another institution beyond her bounds. Many young people are thus exposed to error and grave dangers. Better not have any college training than not have a Christian education. To be sure, attend your own Lutheran institution.

Our Lutheran colleges should grow as well as individual Christians. Their growth depends largely upon the support given them and the attendance of her own sons and daughters. Let us seek to make our institutions leading factors of modern world movements, that Christian culture may be disseminated throughout the whole race.

Above all, determine that as for you and your house you will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. That next year will find you more cultured in Christian grace, virtue and knowledge than this year. The Holy Spirit will teach you if you are a willing pupil. Let us count no knowledge so dear as the knowledge of Christ, and then by the grace of God get in position to receive this knowledge. As "new born" let us grow the new life in all fulness.

Fourteenth Week After Trinity. Sept. 13, 1914.

Luther League Conventions; What Benefit to Me?

Psalm 119:9-16.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday, September 7—Genesis 45:1-28.
Tuesday, September 8—Deut. 32:7-18.
Wednesday, September 9—II Chron. 18:4-11.
Thursday, September 10—Romans 12:1-21.
Friday, September 11—Acts 15:6-41.
Saturday, September 12—II Cor. 6:1-10.
Sunday, September 13—Psalm 119:9-16.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Opening hymn. Prayer. Scripture lesson, Ps. 119: 9-16. Hymn 153. Paper by leader. Short talks. Special solo.

Reference readings: Ps. 34:11-12; Ps. 68:19; Ps. 119:25-32; Ps. 119:33-40. Short prayers. Hymn 135. Closing hymn 32. Closing benediction.

Topic reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

This topic has special significance in view of the fact that this month the Eleventh National Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in the city of Baltimore. This great convention should mean much to every Luther Leaguer in America. Just prior to the national convention a number of State conventions will be held. Those who read the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW know that it has contained splendid reports, during the last two months, of other conventions in States and districts. Is there any good in all these conventions? Do they accomplish anything? How do they benefit me? These are natural and very practical questions. Experience has proven that conventions of the right kind, such as our Luther League conventions are, do accomplish a great deal of good. They are to be taken seriously, as a very important factor in working out the great purpose of the Luther League.

1. *Their purpose.* There are two great purposes in every convention. First, it is intended to be educational. The speeches and papers and even reports present a great deal of matter that is full of instruction. Men and women, who know their Church and the League, give their knowledge to the delegates in ways that will help them to be better Lutherans and better workers for their Church and Master.

Plans for work are presented and discussed. Problems are presented and solved. The educational part of a convention is most important and must not be neglected by those who would be benefited. In the second place, the convention must be inspirational. That is, it must inspire those who attend to a determination to live and serve on a higher plane. In all addresses we find the call to better living and better service. We are aroused, our eyes are opened and we go back to our League with a mighty determination to do more for the great Church of which we are a part. If a convention does not inspire its delegates with higher aims and deeper purposes it has failed in one of its great ideas.

2. *My part.* No convention will benefit me, however, unless I do my part. First of all I must go to the convention with the purpose of getting the most good out of it for myself and for my home League. Those who attend a convention simply to have a good time, and who are not present at most of its sessions, or inattentive while they are there, cannot expect to be benefited. We must be a seeker after benefits. Our hearts and minds must be open as well as eyes and ears. Secondly, if I would get I must also be a giver. One who does not give of himself or herself to the convention does not get the most out of it. We must give interest, worship and fellowship. Even though we are not to speak or read a paper we can contribute in these ways and many others to the success of the convention. Worship devoutly; give earnest interest to all that goes on; have fellowship with the other delegates, and you will get more out of the convention that you ever did before. Third. Pray for the convention, for yourself and for those who will address you. No one can measure the wonderful things an earnest prayer can do. We ought to go to our conventions with prayers in our hearts and on our lips.

Fellow Leaguers, let us pray that the Eleventh National Convention of the Luther League of America may do great things for us and our Lutheran Church.

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Fifteenth Week After Trinity. Sept. 20, 1914.

Unjust Laws and Lawmakers

Isa. 10:1-4.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday, September 14—Duet. 25:1-3.
Tuesday, September 15—I Sam. 8:1-9.
Wednesday, September 16—Ezek. 33:7-21.
Thursday, September 17—Luke 16:1-9.
Friday, September 18—Romans 13:1-14.
Saturday, September 19—Phil. 4:7-13.
Sunday, September 20—Isa. 10:1-4.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Hymn 61. Scripture lesson. Apostles' Creed. Psalm 1. Hymn 52. Prayer. Special music.

Address by some Christian official of the city or community. Questions. Closing hymn 172. Announcements. Lord's prayer.

Topic reviewed by Hon. John F. Kramer.

1. The Bible should be made the foundation of all laws. The truths therein contained are for our guide, whether we consider it from

the standpoint of individuals or from the standpoint of the State. The Bible lays down broad, general principles by which our life should be guided and controlled. From these broad, general principles we must, as individuals and as a State, derive rules of action for the guidance of our lives. A law is simply a rule laid down to be followed by a group of people. These laws should always be derived from the general rules laid down in the Bible and based upon them.

2. The Word of God especially guards the welfare and interests of the poor and the needy. This is evidenced by many passages of Scripture. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." "Oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor." "Relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." In our Scriptural reference we have the following: "Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; to turn aside the needy from judgment and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless."

3. The aim of the lawmaker should be to enact such laws as will make it possible for every one to have an equal chance and a fair opportunity in life. Rich and poor, high and low, old and young, strong and weak, all should have an opportunity to put into life and to get out of life all that for which they are created. If they have the opportunity and do not grasp it, they alone are to blame and not the laws and the lawmakers. The law can give the poor a little boost, can help the low to climb a round or two, can give the young an open door, can protect the weak from the imposition of the strong and lend them a helping hand. But the law cannot make the poor rich; the low, high; the young, old; nor the weak strong. Neither should it attempt to do so. An equal opportunity for all should be the aim of the lawmaker.

4. The interests of the people of any State vary greatly, depending upon the conditions and circumstances under which they live. The law that is just and fair for one community and one set of conditions and circumstances is eminently unjust and unfair for another community, under different conditions and circumstances. Let me illustrate: In our State there is a law which forbids the employment of a boy under fifteen years of age, even during the vacation of the schools. The law applies to municipalities. This law is just and fair when it applies to sweatshops and workshops and factories poorly ventilated and running dangerous machinery. But it is unjust and unfair when applied, in the vacation period, to many localities and conditions. Many large boys in our villages and cities between the ages of twelve and fifteen are lounging around, forming habits of vice and laziness, while their poor widowed mother is earning a livelihood for the family over the washboard. This is unfair and unjust, both to the mother and the boy. This suggests that in the making of laws the golden rule should be followed, and the lawmakers in the making of laws should do unto others as they would have others do unto them under similar circumstances and conditions. They should aim to make laws which will be fair and just, not to particular conditions and circumstances of life, but to the general conditions and circumstances of life as found in the whole State.

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Sixteenth Week After Trinity. Sept. 27, 1914.

What Makes the Church Strong?

Matthew 16:13-20.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday, September 21—Psalm 87.
Tuesday, September 22—John 15:1-7.
Wednesday, September 23—I Pet. 2:1-10.
Thursday, September 24—Heb. 12:22-27.
Friday, September 25—Eph. 2:13-22.
Saturday, September 26—I Cor. 3:1-11.
Sunday, September 27—Matthew 16:13-20.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Hymn 56. Invocation. Hymn 206. Psalm 122. Scripture verses by those present. Three minute talks by some representative from each of the following organizations in the church: Church Council, Sunday School, Ladies' Aid or Missionary Society. Have read the purpose of the Luther League. Address: What the League May Do to Make the Church Strong? Prayer. Hymn 210. Benediction by pastor.

Topic reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

1. *Built on Jesus Christ.* The Christian Church is the mighty power it is because it rests upon the sure foundation of Jesus Christ himself. Every one who becomes a member of the Church must place his life and faith on this rock. Is it any wonder that Christ said: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it?" If the Church were a man made organization we would have seen it go to pieces long ago under the terrible assaults that have been made

upon it, but it is of God. God sent His only Son into the world, and upon His life and redemptive work built the Church. The Church is the whole body of Christian believers. That great company of men, women and children who have set their feet upon the Rock of Ages. Some of them are living here on this earth. They are the Church *militant*. Others, a great throng, have gone to dwell with God. They are the Church *triumphant*. But whether present or absent from among men their strength and joy is Jesus Christ. Well do we sing:

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord:
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His Holy Bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died."

2. *Filled with the spirit.* Not only has the Church the strength and stability that comes from a sure foundation, but it has power for aggressive service. This we know came through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord commissioned that first little band of believers, who composed the Church, to evangelize the world. What a stupendous task! Yet it is gradually being done. Today there are millions of Christians all over the world. What has been and is the Church's power? The indwelling of the Holy Spirit, without question. Jesus before His ascension said it would be so and it was. Acts 1:8. "And when the Holy Ghost is come upon you, ye shall receive power." This was fulfilled at Pentecost.

What a lesson for many who think lightly of the Holy Spirit and neglect those ways by which the Spirit works. Let us not only sing "Come, Holy Spirit," but let us open our hearts and churches for His indwelling.

3. *Blessed with loyal and active members.* We have been thinking of the divine ways in which the Church is strong and has in it great possibilities. But we must not forget that, after all, the Church's activity and aggressive usefulness depends upon us who are its members. If we are loyal and active the Church to which we belong will soon become a strong Church in the great Church of Christ. To be loyal we must believe with all our heart in the doctrines of our Church. Here we, as Lutherans, are greatly blessed, for our doctrines are wonderfully rich and precious. They have stood the test of the ages and are worthy of our utmost confidence. Are you loyal and active members of the Church to which you belong? Think, for a moment of the great things that a strong Church can do, and which need to be done in your community, and then determine that you will do your part this year.

In most of our churches the fall work is just opening up. Your Church needs your service this year, fellow Leaguer. Will you give it?

QUESTIONS.

1. What is the Church?
2. Is your Church strong numerically, aggressively or spiritually?
3. Can a little Church be strong?
4. What are you doing to make your Church strong?

Book Review

"Problems and Possibilities," by Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., the Lutheran Board of Publication, Columbia, S. C. Paper back, 50 cents. There are presented subjects for serious consideration for all Lutherans by the well-known author of "The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church." The dedication of the book indicates something of its spirit: "To the Church of His love, which ought to be, and with God's help can be, as spiritual, as consecrated, as efficient, as progressive and as influential as she is scripturally sound and orthodox." There are chapters on "The Lutheran Church and Her Part in Saving America," "The Parochial School and the Public School," "Our Divisions," "The Language Problem" and "The Question of Language." The book is the outflow of the meditations of many years, discussing frankly and fearlessly vital and delicate questions. Not all will agree either with the premises or conclusions of the writer. His right to his own opinion none question. It is part of our Lutheran liberty. Dr. Gerberding says: "It may lose the writer some dear friends; for this he will be sorry. It hews to the line and asks not whither the chips will fly. The author believes that it is sorely needed." Dr. Gerberding has good words to say for the Luther League. Whether or not you agree with Dr. Gerberding and his conclusions, you should read the book. We recommend its perusal and will be glad to furnish our readers with copies at the price quoted.

An Invitation and a Foreword

To the Young Lutherans of the United States and Canada:

You are earnestly invited to attend the Eleventh Convention of the Luther League of America in Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 22, 23 and 24, 1914. And when I say you, I mean every young Lutheran, whether a member of the Luther League or of any Young People's Society, and you will be heartily welcome at the sessions of this nineteen year old Society. It should be the pleasure of every Young Lutheran to be not only in sympathy, but in active work with the other Young Lutherans in this land and in Canada. We are many in numbers and many in divisions, but we are all one because we have the same Creed, and this should bind us in earnest and united work for the Master. We boast of our numbers and congratulate ourselves upon many things, but we will not prove our ability to accomplish anything until we unite, young and old, for one common object, the salvation of the world.

In our Church we are taught the great truth of Justification by Faith—that a man can alone be saved by believing in Jesus Christ. Our Augsburg Confession teaches "That this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit and that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God because of God's will, but not that we should rely on those works to merit justification before God." And Luther writes of this faith that "It is impossible that it should not always do good works. It does not stop and ask where good works can be done, but before there can be any asking it does good works and is always doing them." St. James commands us to "Be doers of the Word and not hearers only." And he adds "Faith without works is dead; by works is a man justified and not by faith only"; and that "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." The keynote of our Convention is "Doers of the Word." It is proper for us to give heed to these instructions, and consider these suggestions that we hay be prepared to enjoy the meetings.

"Life," says a recent writer, "was never meant to be a game of solitaire. We are affected by all whom we meet, either for a strengthening contact or a weakening subtraction. We cannot by ourselves know when we have helped over rough places those, who, but for us, might have fallen by the way." The Church is said to be composed of "shirkers," "jerkers" and "workers"; if we do not belong to the last named class, we will not accomplish the Lord's purpose, or be efficient in promoting his Kingdom.

We are fortnuate, as a Luther League, in receiving an invitation from Baltimore, because in the Home and Foreign Mission work, and the Mother House with its Deaconnesses, located in that city, we have an exemplification of St. James's instruction to show our faith by our works. This meeting must be an inspiration to all who attend, because we can see the activities of which we read so much in our Church papers; and as seeing is believing, a view of these institutions must arouse in us a spirit not only of interest but of action, and our congregations must feel the influence and benefit of such sight.

Yours in the work,

Wm. C. Stoever,

President of the Luther League of America.

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Editorial

We Lutherans need to learn loyalty, and not, when moving from one section of our country to another, to forget our Lutheran Church. We owe to her much, because we were born in her, baptized by her, instructed in her teachings, confirmed at her altars, and thus introduced into full fellowship, not only in the local Church with which we are connected, but with every church in our communion. This loyalty will be increased by a better knowledge of each other and the work of our Church. We, therefore, should study the Topics carefully, and read the books of our reading course with interest. We need to be loyal to our pastors, encouraging them, and praying for them, as well as for the officers, who should be Aarons and Hurs. We should be loyal to every work of our Church, at home and abroad, giving of our means, helping by our prayers and personal contact with others, to bring them into the line of loyalty to the Church, and interest in its every movement. If our Church were united in spirit, as well as in action, we could better perform our duty in this country in reaching those who are unchurched, or who have fallen from the faith because not properly housed and cared for. It is an encourgement that our Lutheran people, and the young people especially, are studying the movements which tend to the development of Church love and Church work, and every pastor should encourage this, and be encouraged by the help which our young people can and will give when they are truly in love with their work.

Loyalty—Loyalty to their profession as members of the Church; loyalty to Jesus Christ as their Leader in all work; loyalty to the Church in all its movements and work; loyalty to their League, not omitting or forgetting the privileges as well as the duties which come from active service therein. Recently one of our Church papers has said that young people's societies originally had as their chief aim entertainment, but that we are now at a time when these same young people are participating in the work of the Church, and for a proper participation therein there must be a true knowledge of the work to be done and of the means employed for that work. There is an opportunity for an equipment for wider activities in the Church, and the young people should avail themselves of this opportunity. The only way in which our Church will be a success in the great work which has been laid upon us is by a thorough preparation of our young people, and if we do not improve the present opportunities and cultivate the spirit of loyalty, we will fail in that which is given us to do. It is said that only one out of every five professing Christians is found doing anything in the Master's service. I trust that that may not be said of the mem-

bers of the Luther League, but that every one of the five may do his or her duty to the fullest extent.

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We live in an age of inquiry, and we need to be better informed regarding the teachings and work of our Church. If we can impress upon our young people the advantage of a knowledge of the truth, and the importance of communicating it to others, we will be indeed a missionary church, whose influence will be felt throughout this land, especially among the foreign people who come to our shores from churches of our own belief. One of our editors recently, in commenting upon the Luther League and its twenty-fifth anniversary, remarked: "In a practical way we have found this association of young people most valuable and helpful in the work of the congregation. It has interested our young people in their own Church. Its themes have not been vague and indefinite, but clean and suggestive, and have turned the thoughts of our young people to the great doctrines, history and work of their own Church. And the enthusiasm with which they have taken up these subjects has been a revelation and a gratifying surprise. And with this has come a spirit of loyalty to the Church. The young people have come to realize that they are part of the Church and are counted on for service." Our young people ought to be he'pers to their pastors, a factor in every congregation for its betterment and enlargement, and an agency in the extension of the mission work in its own neighborhood, throughout the land, and abroad. What an inspiration to our Church with or yong people be when they are thoroughly developed in knowledge, in interest, and in earnestness.

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The ideal home is the Christian family. Based on the divine command, there is mutual affection between parents and children, between brothers and sisters. The features of intimacy which are peculiar to a particular family promote a common affection. It is the policy of godly parents to make their children feel that home is the happiest place in the world. Children in such a home owe it to their parents to honor them and manifest appreciation of this delicious home feeling as one of the choicest gifts of parental love and care. "But the great drawback to the full development of family life at the present age," says one of our great thinkers, "is that so many fathers are so entirely absorbed in public life and business pursuits, and in trying to provide for the daily necessities of life, that their families are but too often neglected." This is unfortunate for the best interests of the home. It is a deplorable feature in our modern life. It tends to bankrupt the ideals of home. The customs and habits and spirit which should be peculiar to each home are lost under such conditions, and there is wanting in the afterlife of the children of these homes those pleasant recollections and associations possessed by an older generation.

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The relation of children to the home, the Church, the State is receiving much attention in various quarters today. It is said, "Children are not the serfs of parents." Is not the converse equally true? What substitute by civil authority can be offered for the God-ordained way? Is it not time for some sober, scriptural thinking? "Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for it is right. Honor thy father and mother . . . And ye fathers, provoke not your children to anger, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In this a balance is observed. There is a due proportion between authority and dutifulness. It does not ask either the school, or the Church, or the State to assume the just and right responsibility of the home. To our way of thinking it would be a decided gain for Christian marriage and corrective of divorce to make this responsibility weighty and obligatory as possible by Church and State. It will aid in restoring the home to its rightful place.

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For times like these authority needs to be emphasized. Emancipation seems to be a thought in the air. False notions of equality are setting authority at naught. Pressure and constraint are pushing the appointed order out of line. In family life this is destructive of the home. Where there is no appointed order and no will to govern, emancipation will amount to anarchy, and its fruits will follow fast and faster. It is an unholy extreme where the authority of father and mother rule in a manner and in a spirit to induce hatred and fear. The normal condition observes a due proportion between authority and dutifulness. Authority to rule without imposing the yoke of bondage either at home or in business must be exercised in indissoluble union with loving affection and esteem for the feelings of others. Obedience to the will of parents is one with dutifulness and devotion, and the proper exercise of authority will elicit this.

Luther League of Pennsylvania

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day afternoon, September 20, and the grand rally of the State League on Monday evening, September 21.

A company is being organized to start from Lancaster to Baltimore together. Twenty-five persons will enable us to have a League car and 100 persons will give us a special train (without extra fare). All persons should report to the pastor loci, Rev. Dr. C. E. Haupt, who will join this happy company.

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Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

New York.

—Rev. C. E. Krumbholz has accepted the call of the Inner Mission Society to become pastor of the Hospice, under which title he will assume on September 1 charge of this important Lutheran institution in place of Mr. Paul C. Holter, who resigned.

—Miss Charlotte Wills, a member of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, deceased, bequeathed the following amounts: To the General Council Home Mission Board, $1,000; to the General Council Foreign Mission Board, $1,000; to the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, $500; to the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, $1,000.

Philadelphia.

—Rev. Charles J. Hirzel, pastor of St. Paul's Church in this city, died on July 14th in his sixty-first year of age.

—Rev. I. W. Bobst, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Trenton, N. J., for the past twelve years, has received and accepted a call to the Church of the Reformation, this city, and will take up the new work September 1.

—Rev. Arthur T. Michler has resigned at Trinity Church, Lebanon, Pa., to accept the unanimous call to the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia, where he takes charge October 1. During the four years of his pastorate at Lebanon he added 165 members to the church, which now numbers over 500.

Washington.

—St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rev. Wm. A. Wade, pastor, observed their twenty-fifth anniversary on Sunday, July 12. A large attendance of the members showed the interest they have in the work and welfare of the church.

Baltimore.

—At Govans, a suburb of this city, the cornerstone of a new church building was laid July 12, by the pastor, M. G. Phillipy. Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D., delivered the principal address. The Luther League convention chorus led the singing.

Pittsburgh.

W. Warren Wattles, an active and prominent Lutheran layman, of this city, died on July 17, aged 72 years. He is survived by his widow, two sons, a daughter, three sisters and a large circle of intimate friends, to whom the Review extends its most sincere sympathy.

—Rev. Ambrose Hering has resigned as superintendent of the Settlement House in Philadelphia, Pa., to become superintendent of the Inner Mission Society at Pittsburgh.

Harrisburg.

—St. Matthew's Church, Rev. E. E. Snyder, pastor, recently consecrated its new building, which cost complete about $23,000. This church started with a Sunday School September 8, 1910.

St. Paul.

—Rev. L. F. Gruber, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, has accepted the call to the newly dedicated Church of the Reformation, this city. He will take charge of his work in the new congregation in September.

Minneapolis.

—The Lutheran Inner Mission Society, of this city, reports $11,067 income. The hospice has registered a total of 900 women guests.

Jersey City.

—Holy Trinity Church, Rev. Eugene E. Neudewitz, pastor, was bequeathed $200 by Mr. Christian Gruber, a Roman Catholic.

General.

—The pension fund of the United Norwegian Church in the United States now amounts to $120,000 and is steadily growing.

—Mr. Hiram Sipes has been called by the Pittsburgh Synod as the first lay worker to be sent out as a missionary to India by the General Council.

—A daughter was born on July 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred. W. Smith, of Albany. Mr. Smith is an active Luther Leaguer and was treasurer of the General Convention Committee at the Albany convention in 1912.

—Rev. F. W. Bussard, Bellingham, Wash., has been called by the Pacific Synod to become financial secretary for its Theological Seminary at Seattle.

—The sixth anniversary of the Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa., was observed Thursday, August 6. Dr. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, Ohio, and Judge C. A. Groman were among the speakers.

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KANSAS

—The Kansas State Luther League has been one of continued success ever since it was organized in 1912. At its first State convention it influenced Mr. H. V. Grothe, of Witchita, Kansas, for the ministry. Mr. Grothe has already spent one year of preparation at Midland College. At the convention of 1913, two more young men decided for the ministry, Mr. Fred Beil and Mr. Arthur Albers, of St. John's Church, Salina, Rev. B. R. Lantz, pastor, for the ministry. They will enter Midland College this fall. Through the untiring efforts of the present President of the State Luther League, Mr. H. V. Grothe, Mr. Fred. Nickols, Mr. Fred. C. Maurer, and Rev. C. W. Seville, a Luther League was organized at Garnett, Kansas. The president of the Garnett Luther League, Mr. Howard G. Johnston, was a delegate to the State convention this year, at Lawrence, and since the convention, he, too, has decided for the ministry and will enter Midland College this fall. All of these young men will be an honor to Midland College, the Western Theological Seminary, and to the ministry. Besides these four most excellent young men for the ministry, the League has won the worthy past president, Mr. Karl Kemmer, of Salina, for our mission field in India. If our young people of the West would have more Luther Leagues, Midland College would have more students in Lutheran church works.

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Points of Interest in the National Capital

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money passing through the hands of the counters is $4,000,000, which amount is taken in sealed packages to the office of the Treasurer at 9 o'clock each morning, protected by heavily armed guards. As a new lot is added each day to the vaults, a similar amount is taken out to be put in circulation, a large amount of which is destined some day to return worn and mutilated for redemption. The redemption department receives an average of $1,000,000 a day, and the women experts who handle these large amounts are the most skilled counters of worn money in the world.

The White House, or Executive Mansion, home of the President, which is noted for its stately simplicity, is on Pennsylvania avenue at Sixteenth street. This was the first public building erected at the new seat of government. Washington selected the site and laid the cornerstone October 13, 1792, and lived to see the building completed. It is said to be named from its color or for the home of Martha Washington, White House, Kent County, Va. The East Room, or state parlor, which is used for receptions, is a magnificent apartment 40 by 82 feet, with a ceiling 22 feet high, from which three massive crystal chandeliers are suspended. The decorations are of white and gold. A beautifully decorated piano, which cost $15,000 and which was donated by a New York firm, may be seen in this room. The East Room and several other rooms are open to the public.

Next comes the State, War and Navy Building, on Pennsylvania avenue, just west of the White House. This building, which is a four-story granite structure, ranks with the largest and most magnificent office buildings of the world, having 500 rooms and two miles of marble halls.

Just a few squares south of this, on Fourteenth street, is the Washington Monument, an obelisk shaft made of white marble, the highest work of masonry in the world, rising 555 feet high. At the base it is 55 feet square and at the top 34 feet square, and the walls are 15 feet thick at the entrance and taper to 18 inches at the top. The foundation is made of rock and cement and is 36 feet deep. An elevator carries visitors up every thirty minutes.

Just a few squares east of the monument is the New National Museum, which contains several million specimens along the lines of zoology, geology, botany, ethnology and archæology, besides many historical collections. Among these are many of the animals obtained by the Roosevelt party in Africa. The New National and National Museums are both under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, which ranks among the learned institutions of the world. Next to these is the Medical Museum, all of these buildings being grouped near each other.

We might have mentioned also the Corcoran Art Gallery, on Seventeenth street, near the White House and State Department. And a few other places should be mentioned which are near by and may be reached by a short car ride. Among these are the Navy Yard, Soldiers' Home, Naval Observatory, Zoological Park, Alexandria, 8 miles distant, where the church in which Washington worshiped may be seen; Arlington, with the National Cemetery and the Custus-Lee mansion, and Mount Vernon, the home of Washington. And last, but not least in importance, you should see Luther's statue in front of Luther Place Memorial Church, Fourteenth and N streets, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

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Conducted by I. S. RUNYON

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Statement No. 16

From July 1 to 31, 1914.
GENERAL FUND.

Luther League of Canada	$84.00
Luther League of Kansas	46.00
Luther League of Nebraska	22.00
Luther League of Ohio	123.40
Total for July	$275.40
Previously reported	1,885.54
Total receipts	$2,160.94
Total disbursements	2,125.66
Balance on hand	$35.28

Respectfully submitted,
C. T. A. ANDERSON, Treasurer.
Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1914.

NEW YORK

—The president has appointed the following committees of the New York State League:

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Buffalo District.

—The quarterly meeting of the Buffalo District League was held in Grace Church, North Tonawanda, on July 22, and was attended by about seventy-five delegates. One new society, the Young People's Society of St. John's Church, of Buffalo, was admitted into membership. Mr. George P. Adams, of the Church of the Atonement, Buffalo, and Mr. Louis A. Wilke, of Grace Church, North Tonawanda, were elected delegates to the National Convention at Baltimore. The Extension Committee is making an aggressive campaign to secure new members. The Buffalo District now has sixteen societies totaling about one thousand members.

Syracuse District.

—The regular meeting of the Syracuse District Luther League was held in Oswego, Thursday, July 16, in acceptance of an invitation extended by Leagues of St. Paul's German and St. Matthew's English Lutheran Churches. It was decided to have the annual union picnic at the same time.

The delegates and visitors numbering about one hundred congregated at Lakeside, one of Oswego's pleasure resorts, and there spent the afternoon until 5.30, when a shore dinner was served. After dinner the delegates returned to Oswego, where the business meeting was held at St. Paul's Church.

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Greetings from Mr. Louie Wilkie, the newly elected president of the Luther League of New York State, were read.

"That there is an urgent need of a greater spirituality and increased activity in church work among our young Lutherans" formed the subject of an interesting discussion.

The reports of the delegates to the recent convention at Schenectady, were read.

One of the many enjoyable features of the occasion was the music furnished by the church choir. After the meeting adjourned a social hour was spent.

—The Junior Luther League of Holy Trinity, Jersey City, Rev. E. E. Neuedewitz, pastor, held its annual strawberry festival in June and cleared $50 for the church treasury to be applied to the mortgage fund of the church.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia District.

—The spring convention of the Philadelphia District Luther League was held at St. Michael's Church, Germantown, the Rev. Stephen Paulson, pastor. The president, Francis C. Leupold, presiding.

Rev. Arthur T. Michler, of Lebanon, delivered an address on "The Spiritual Development of the Luther Leaguer," and Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Philadelphia, delivered an address on "The Spiritual Development of the Junior Luther Leaguer."

The proposed new constitution was presented by the executive committee and had its first reading.

The following were elected delegates to the State Luther League at Lancaster: Wm. C. Stoever, Laura A. Shaffer, J. Milton Deck, Rev. Stephen Paulson and Ida H. Zinser. To the national convention at Baltimore, the following were elected: Wm. C. Stoever, Francis C. Leupold and Rev. Frederick W. Friday.

Greensburg District.

—The annual convention of the Greensburg District Luther League was held in St. James' Church, Youngstown, July 30, 1914. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Yount, of Greensburg. The address of welcome

was delivered by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Weicksel, and responded to by Wm. M. Smith, of Penn's Station. The first paper was "The District Luther League at Work," by Miss Mary Wineman, of Youngwood. The discussion was opened by Rev. E. H. Daugherty. After adjournment the delegates and visitors were entertained at dinner by the ladies of the church and the members of the local League.

At the afternoon session, opened at 2 o'clock, devotional services were conducted by Rev. F. Bossart. Officers elected for the coming year were as follows: President, Mr. Wm. M. Smith, Penn's Station; vice-president, Rev. C. R. Spiggle, Delmont; recording secretary, Cora Frye, Delmont; statistical secretary, Lula Spiggle, Penn's Station; corresponding secretary, Celia Karns, Youngstown, and treasurer, Paul Bossart, Latrobe. Delegates elected to the State Convention: Mr. F. J. Bossart, Rev. F. A. Weichsel, Miss Grace Young, Mr. John Nelson and Miss Alice Kimmel. Delegates to the National Convention: Miss Jane Truxall and Mr. William Smith. An invitation was extended by the Luther League of the First Lutheran Church, Greensburg and accepted by the District League to hold their midwinter meeting in their church. The topic, "Practical Church Work for the Luther League," was very ably presented by Miss Katherine Keck, of Greensburg. The discussion was opened by Rev. L. J. Baker. The second topic, "Opportunities in the Work of the Junior League," by Miss Anna Landis, of Penn's Station, was very fully discussed, and the delegates were urged to try and organize Junior Leagues in the different congregations where none exist. The last topic for the afternoon, "Preparation for Work," was very ably presented by Miss Tirzah Weicksel, of Youngstown. The discussion was opened by Rev. P. Bossart.

The evening session opened at 7.15 o'clock, with vespers conducted by Rev. G. W. Spiggle. The address of the evening, "The Trumpet Call to Lutheran Men," was delivered by Rev. T. O. Keister, D.D., of Pittsburg.

Berks District.

—The 81st quarterly convention was held on July 16 in St. John's Church, Kutztown. Seventy-five delegates were present. There was a discussion upon defunct leagues and an effort will be made to revive them. Delegates to the State and national conventions were chosen.

A paper, "After the Common School—What?" was read by Miss Mary Boyer, of Reading. A general discussion upon the topic followed. At the afternoon session, the topic was "The Denominational College." Harry B. Fehl talked on "Its Influence on Character." A number of ministers and members responded on the general subject. Rev. F. K. Bernd read an essay on "After College—What?" George M. Jones, of Reading, was the speaker of the evening.

OHIO

Springfield District.

—The Springfield District Luther League held its spring convention on June 21, in the Fourth Lutheran Church, Springfield. The speakers were: Miss Blanche Fraser, "Luther League Loyalty," and Dr. T. Bruce Birch, "Luther League Opportunities." The officers elected are: President, J. Warren Jones; vice-president, Fred Adams; Secretary, Harold Smith; treasurer, Fred Kramer.

Fifth District.

—The fourth annual convention of the Fifth District met June 23 at Upper Sandusky, Rev. Charles E. Berkey, pastor.

The Fifth District League is one of the smallest districts in the United States, having in its territory but eight pastorates. Notwithstanding the small number of delegates, even though every society but one was represented, it was a splendid convention. The speakers of the convention were: Rev. E. L. Spaid, Carey, Ohio, and Rev. A. A. Hundley, D.D., Findlay, Ohio. Papers were read by Miss Margaret A. Fuller, L. C. Nigh, Mrs. Franklin S. Nortling, and Mrs. C. M. Coons. In the evening, a soul-stirring address was given by Dr. E. H. Dornblaser, of Springfield, Ohio, on the subject, "New Forces in Old China."

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Chalmers E. Frontz, Tiffin; recording secretary, Miss Margaret A. Fuller, Findlay; corresponding secretary, Miss Elizabeth Wylie, Upper Sandusky; treasurer, Irvin Kuenzli, Nevada.

The convention in 1915 will be held in Nevada.

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling District.

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June 18 in St. Luke's Church, Marietta, Ohio, Rev. J. S. Braren, pastor. Fifty-three delegates were in attendance. Harry Schafer presided. Papers on "Lay Activity," by a Moundsville delegate; on "Summer School,' by a Parkersburg delegate, and "Sociability in the League," by a Martin's Ferry, Ohio, delegate, were read and discussed. In the evening an able address was delivered by Rev. Prof. J. L. Neve, D.D., of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, on "Lutheranism in America." It was much appreciated by the large audience.

The convention was one of the best yet held. A quartet orchestra from Martin's Ferry furnished several excellent numbers. The Wheeling District is alive to all the interests of the Church.

The next convention will meet in Moundsville, W. Va., Dr. McDaniel, pastor.

ILLINOIS

Chicago District.

The Luther League of Chicago held its annual picnic Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Thatcher's Park, River Forest, Ill. Hundreds of young people took part in this outdoor festival, and it was declared to be the most successful picnic ever held by the Chicago Luther League.

An indoor baseball game was played between St. Peter's Eng. Luther League and St. Simon's German Luther League, which resulted in St. Peter's Eng. League defeating their German neighbors by a score of 13 to 7.

A foot race for the men, in which one man from each league represented took part, resulted in Mr. Adolph Voss, of Bethel Luther League proving to be "The Fleet Foot" of the men present. The race for the ladies was won by Miss Ella Ahlers, of St. Simon's Luther League. Ascension Luther League carried the honors for the tug of war. The ladies of Bethlehem Luther League showed their athletic ability and prowess by winning the tug of war among the ladies. In the tug of war between the ladies and gentlemen of St. Peter's German League and St. Simon's German League, the honors were awarded to St. Simon's League, they having resolved to be recognized as the strongest League, when the combined effort of the sexes was considered.

The prize awarded to the winners of each event was a Luther League pennant.

At the eleventh convention of the Luther League of America to be held in Baltimore, Md., September 22, 23 and 24, the Chicago District is planning to have a good representation.

The general delegates meeting of the Luther League of Chicago was held in Hope Church, June 15. There was an approximate attendance of 250, representing eighteen Leagues in various parts of the city. St. Simon's German Church furnished the largest delegation, there being sixty-two young people present. At this meeting arrangements were made for the annual picnic or outing of the Luther League of the city. Delegates were also appointed to attend the State convention, which will be held August 13th to 15th at Rock Island.

KANSAS

—The members of the Luther League of Abilene enjoyed a hike, a hayrack ride and a picnic supper at the J. E. Roop farm, three miles east of town.

—The young people of Topeka's First Church have organized a chorus choir to assist the pastor during the summer months. There were eighteen present as volunteers the first Sunday. The regular monthly social sessions are held at the homes of members. For July we varied the program by taking a 'hike" several miles up the Kaw River to a summer camp. The pastor has organized a daily Bible reader's circle, which many of the young folks have joined. They have agreed to read the same lesson every day for a year.

—The members of the Luther League of Wichita and their friends enjoyed a hayrack ride Wednesday evening, July 29, at the Miller Bros. farm, five miles south of the city. Ice cream and cake were served, after which games were played.

—The Luther League has purchased one of the large windows in the new church which is being erected. The regular devotional services are held on Sunday evening just before church services.

MISSOURI.

—The Luther League of St. Joseph started out with a membership of twenty-five. A picnic was given to the young people in order to interest them in the Society, and met with good success. Regular business meetings are held at the homes of members, and the remainder of the evening is spent in playing various games, which seems to create a certain amount of interest.

—A Luther League has recently been organized at Garnett, Rev. C. W. Seville, pastor. This society was received into the Luther League of Kansas at its convention. Its present president, Mr. Howard G. Johnson, will enter the ministry and enrolls at Midland College for that purpose this fall.

NEBRASKA

—The young people at Bruning, Rev. R. R. Weismiller, have recently reorganized the Y. P. S. C. E. as a Luther League.

COLORADO

—The new church organized by Rev. John E. Hummon in this city April 12 already numbers over one hundred members. The name of the church is Messiah, and it was organized in every department along true Lutheran lines. The Luther League numbers thirty members, active, enthusiastic young people. During the summer months four outings have been arranged. The future is bright.

—A Young People's Rally will be held in the Augustana Church September 9. The addresses will be delivered by Rev. C. C. A. Jensen, Norwegian pastor, and Rev. J. E. Hummon, of the Messiah Church.

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"Help me, in all the work I do,
To ever be sincere and true;
And know that all I'd do for you
Must needs be done for *others*."
—C. D. MEIGS.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness in high places.—Ephesians 6:12.

In 1912 there were 166 local Junior Leagues enrolling 6,989 members. What shall be the number reported at Baltimore this year? The 94 Junior Leagues of Pennsylvania enrolled, in 1912, 4,564 precious names, or two-thirds of the entire enrollment.

There should ever be held out before our Junior League some purpose, be it humble or great, of a noble spiritual character. This will have the effect of giving the workers something to do in their Master's vineyard, hold them together, strengthen the congregation by so much, prepare for later work in the older League proper; and by a reflex influence make them wiser and happier in heart and life, more practical and ready to every good word and work.

But everything should be done with decency and system. There should be no impropriety about the house of God and the work for Christ Jesus our Lord.

A boys' club may be made a very useful organization as a distributing agency of cards, messages, tokens, etc.

A League banner worked by the deft fingers of one or more of our Junior girls would make a beautiful object to adorn the walls of our meeting room.

Pictures of Bible scenes or of the Reformation era, historical portraits of the great and wise and good, always help to brighten a place devoted to the Juniors.

Flowers and other decorations will always help to freshen the spot where our boys and girls assemble.

It must not be forgotten that the auxiliary rooms of the sanctuary, used for the training of the young, are the "parish house" of the congregation and can be made very useful all through the days of the week if applied to proper uses.

It is well to think of the needs of the growing boy and to provide for him in such ways as shall develop all the highest, noblest and best principles. Nor should we be surprised if we do not succeed in having every boy attain success in every attempt that it is expected of him to make. Such failure only indicates that the lad has not yet reached the ideal of boy life and must needs "try, try again." Often the surroundings of boy life are such as to exert a most distressing influence upon his inner life and his soul.

Pity and not haste is the true spirit in which to meet many of the failures in the course of human events.

The League room ought to be made as pretty as possible. The young learn culture by the eye.

The work of a Junior League can be arranged under the "committee idea." Each committee ought to be under the supervision of some one older and more experienced person. In this way the idea of worship may be fostered, the topics studied, the sick remembered, the absent cared for, the straying led back, the orphans thought of in their asylums, and the great missionary work that is growing so rapidly sustained and helped. The distribution of the work will make it easy to attend to all the departments in detail. In whole or in part, the work is magnificent.

May the great Baltimore convention be productive of grand results in the enlargement of the scope of the Junior work.

CANADA

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—The Luther League of St. Matthew's Church, Welland, on Monday evening, July 13, decided to pay for new carpet for the church. A pleasant social hour was spent.

—On the invitation of the Trinity Luther League, Humberstone, the Rev. W. H. Knauff, pastor, the Luther League of St. Matthew's Church, Welland, made a delightful visit to the former League on Thursday evening, July 9. Twenty-seven persons constituted the party of visitors. Pastor Knauff spoke words of welcome. They were answered by Rev. M. J. Bieber, of the Welland League. The presidents of the Leagues, F. E. Hessler, of Humberstone, and E. Cronmiller, of Welland, interchanged public "greetings." The occasion was very pleasant and thoroughly enjoyed by both "hosts" and "guests." Friendships were made and ties cemented which will mean much for the upbuilding of the church. The local League is planning improvements in the interior of St. Matthew's Church.